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Community champion Alan scoops an 'Extra' award

A CHARITY worker who received an MBE in the New Year Honours List has landed another award.

Alan Lewis (above), who has worked for Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) for nearly 30 years organising events and projects to help young people in the town, has been presented with the Halifax Giving Extra Award for "going above and beyond" for the local community.

He was nominated by Michael Radcliffe, whose son attended many of the SAY events.

Alan, who recently organised a trip for young people and war veterans to the National Arboretum remembrance site in Staffordshire, said: "To win this award is a great honour. I was delighted just to be nominated and plan to use the award to help with more exciting trips for the young people of Skelmersdale."

Lisa Coleman, community ambassador for Halifax bank Lancashire West, commented: "Halifax received thousands of nominations nationwide so we're delighted that Alan has won a Halifax Giving Extra Award in Skelmersdale. The work he has done for the community is outstanding and truly deserves the recognition."

The 67 regional award winners each receive £300 in bonus bond vouchers. The national winner, to be announced later this month will receive a further £2,500 in vouchers and a £2,500 donation to a good cause of their choice.

BOROUGH IN LOW PAY LIST

West Lancs in top 10 of areas where workers earn less than Living Wage

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire has been named in a list of the 10 local–authority areas in England and Wales with the largest proportion of jobs paying less than the Living Wage in 2014.

The borough ranks fourth in the table, with 38.3% of jobs in the borough paying less than the Living Wage, according to statistics supplied by the GMB Union. West Somerset was top with 42.9% of people in the area paid less than the Living Wage.

At regional level, the East Midlands had the largest proportion of jobs paying less than the Living Wage (24.7%) while the figure for the North West was 23.6%.

In the UK as a whole, 21.7% of jobs paid less than the Living Wage in 2014. Women and part–time workers were disproportionately affected with 26.6% of jobs held by women and 42.3% of part–time jobs below the Living Wage.

The GMB published the findings to mark the launch of its 2015 campaign to get every local authority signed up to the Living Wage.

West Lancs Council introduced the Living Wage in 2014.

The Living Wage is a recommended rate of pay that takes into account the true cost of living in the UK. In November 2014 the national Living Wage,outside of London, was fixed at £7.85 per hour.

GMB national secretary for public services, Brian Strutton, said: "No area is immune from the low–pay epidemic which is why all local authorities need to champion the Living Wage in their communities, beginning with their own staff and contractors.

"The Living Wage matters because it takes into account the income that people need for a minimum acceptable standard of living. It is a first step towards a rate of pay that people can live on without relying on benefits. Life below the Living Wage is a life of want and worry for millions of workers and their families."

A borough council spokesman responded: "West Lancashire Council is a significant employer in the borough and we consider our employees to be among our greatest assets. In December 2013 the council resolved to ensure all its staff were in receipt of the nationally recognised Living Wage, by introducing a pay supplement, where appropriate, from January 2014.

"The West Lancashire economy is performing well when compared to the rest of the UK and the North West, and prospects for the future are good, with a forecasted 5,800 jobs to be created by 2032. This represents a growth rate of 11.3%, the highest of any district in Lancashire, and higher than the national average.

"While average wages of workers in West Lancashire workplaces are below that of some comparative areas, salaries for residents as a whole are higher.

"The council is currently consulting on a draft economic strategy, which aims to create more highly–skilled, well–paid jobs and is working to attract new businesses to the area who offer such jobs, together with work to raise skills and qualifications levels, and develop sustainable and long–terms skills initiatives within the borough to meet the expected growth."

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Guides HQ reopened after £10,000 refurbishment

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Doreen Stephenson, performed the official reopening ceremony at the Ormskirk Moorgate Guides Association building which has been refurbished with the aid of a £10,000 Big Lottery Grant.

To mark the occasion the Guides held a celebration at which Cllr. Stephenson presented two members of the 1st Ormskirk Guides, Sarah Brimage and Eve Maher, with their Baden Powell Awards and badges – the highest award a Guide can achieve.

Mary Jones, chair of Ormskirk and Moorgate District Guide Association, said: "We were given a Big Lottery Grant of £10,000 towards the cost of rewiring the Ormskirk Moorgate Guide headquarters and towards fitting a new wooden floor and this work has now been completed.

"During the afternoon, Brownies, Guides and leaders prepared and served refreshments, provided entertainment and hosted an enjoyable celebration.

"And Sarah Brimage and Eve Maher were presented with their Baden Powell certificate and badge, achieved by much dedication and challenging efforts.

"The Moorgate Guide headquarters was built in 1928 and has remained in constant use by the community. Now, thanks to the Big Lottery grant, and the support of all who use it we shall continue for many years to come."

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Doreen Stephenson with Guide and Brownie leaders at the reopening

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Care home scores top marks in rating survey

A WEST Lancs care home is among the best–performing in the North West, according to a survey of residents.

Aughton Park scored highly in the 2014 Your Care Rating survey which obtained views from more than 2,800 residents from 145 care homes run by 14 different operators.

Aughton Park received an Overall Performance Rating (OPR) of 967 out of 1,000.

Meanwhile, staff at a Skelmersdale home are also celebrating after scoring 100 per cent ratings in more than half the categories of the survey. Birch Green Care Home was given an overall performance rating (OPR) score of 858 out of 1,000.

Carol Nickeas, general manager at Birch Green Care Home said: "We are happy to hear that our residents are satisfied with the care and services they receive here."

Champ Vampire Rocks competition winners

THE winners of the Champion's Vampires Rock competition were:

Sophie Daley, Bootle; Lesley Williams, Maghull; Paul Cheetham, Scarisbrick; Katrina Hooton, Southport.

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College could be key to regeneration scheme

Special report by **Henry James**

St Modwen bosses believe students will boost night–time economy

BOSSES at developers St Modwen believe that students could hold the key to the success of their proposed regeneration scheme for Skelmersdale town centre.

Although there have been a number of 'false dawns' since the scheme was first mooted in 2007, as reported in last week's Champion, St Modwen believe that, subject to planning permission, they could be on site in the town before the end of this year.

And they are confident that the residents' long wait for a new–look town centre could soon be over.

In recent months there have been some developments, with plans by the owners of the Concourse shopping centre for a leisure complex, including a cinema, being approved by West Lancs Council.

Meanwhile, St Modwen's proposals, which also include a cinema, are expected to come before the borough planning committee later this month.

Bosses at the developers this week invited The Champion down to the site where they plan to build a new High Street on a disused area of land between the Concourse and the new West Lancashire College.

They are proposing to connect the two facilities – which are separated by a distance of about three football pitches – with a public square called 'The Circus' at the centre of the development.

The planned cinema would be built behind the current sign for West Lancashire College.

Paul Batho, projects director at St Modwen, told The Champion: "We are proposing to introduce a new High Street linking the top end of the town with the existing town centre.

"We would create a night–time economy in Skelmersdale that will crucially halt the current leakage of spend from the town. This happens because residents are going elsewhere for entertainment and food and drink. What we are going to do here is produce a massive quantum shift and when the development is open, people will want to come to Skelmersdale to go to the cinema and have a meal in a restaurant."

The company believe the students of West Lancashire College will be key to their development.

An artist's impression of an aerial view of the proposed development

Stephen Knowles, St Modwen's North West regional director, said: "We have a £29m college but where do those students go after they have finished their lectures? Our scheme will give them a cinema and restaurants and we hope to cater for students."

Paul Batho added: "Skelmersdale has a fantastic college but it sits in glorious isolation. Students are not spending in the town and we want to encourage them to. There is also a sizeable population in Skelmersdale that will want to come to the scheme."

The company also believes workers at one of the town's biggest employers, the Co–operative Bank's Delf House complex do not spend in the town and they hope their scheme will reverse this.

In total, the regeneration firm believes there will be a 25% increase in available spend in the town – an estimated £8m customer spend each year – when the project opens.

However, the only name to have signed up to the St Modwen project so far is Reel Cinema and concerns have been expressed that rather than attracting new businesses to the town, existing businesses would simply move out of the Concourse.

Meanwhile, doubts have also been raised about the viability of two cinemas in the town, while the Concourse owners have pledged that finance is already in place for their scheme.

Mr Batho said: "National firms are also interested in our scheme but it is too early to come out with any firm names. We know with a fair degree of certainty that these units will let."

And Mr Knowles commented: "Some firms we have had discussions with are talking about having two units in the town. Obviously I can't comment on the Concourse scheme and what they are doing as I am not involved in their discussions. But we think ours is the right scheme for Skelmersdale and we think this is where the cinema should be developed."

As for finances he gave assurances that these were in place adding that St Modwen was a "well–financed company."

And answering criticism of the delay in getting the development up and running he pointed to the economic downturn and added: "One of the core values of St Modwen is that we are a long–term player. We are delivering this scheme in a much slower time frame because the market moved away from us and there was nothing we could do about that. However we are still committed to this project."

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Sex offender jailed for breaching prevention order

By **Lynda Roughley**

A SEX offender from Skelmersdale who failed to tell his partner that he had sexual convictions has been jailed for 10 months.

When Ryan Thomason was jailed for three years for a serious sexual offence involving a 13–year–old girl in 2009 a Sexual Offences Prevention Order (SOPO) was also made.

This order, lasting seven years, meant he could not have unsupervised contact with under 16–year–olds or live under the same roof unless he had express permission from their parents knowing of his sexual offending history.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that when police called at a house on December 27 last year to execute a warrant under the Dangerous Dogs Act they checked the residents. They found that they included Thomason, two children and their mother, who was his girlfriend, said Stuart Mills, prosecuting.

They uncovered details of the SOPO and found he had not informed her about his history.

Twenty–eight–year–old Thomason was jailed for 10 months after pleading guilty to breaching the SOPO and also breaching the terms of the Sexual Offences Register by failing to notify a change of address.

The court heard that he had been accused of breaching the SOPO on an earlier occasion by having contact with a 14–year–old girl but that offence was dropped after she made a statement saying she had misled him telling him she was older. He was on licence from jail at the time and was recalled.

Michael Hagerty, defending, said Thomason had pleaded guilty and his girlfriend is still in a relationship with him.

Prepatory work starts on Concourse cinema plans

PREPATORY work has started on the proposed £4 million cinema and leisure complex at the Concourse Shopping Centre.

Work to move and improve the goods lifts that serve the centre's second floor is now being undertaken to ensure they are in the right place for when the main building work starts.

Jo Salmon, retail portfolio manager for London and Cambridge Properties (LCP), which is delivering the project on behalf of the centre's partners, said work with building contractors, architects and suppliers with regards to tendering out the works and finalising the specification is also underway.

Concourse bosses have said that once a construction company is appointed, the new development will start to take shape. They added because work is taking place on the second floor of the centre, the impact on existing stores and shoppers will be "minimal".

Jo Salmon said: "We are very excited to start work on this much–anticipated scheme. We are planning a very large and complex scheme, so although we may not have construction staff on site yet, we are working very hard to deliver the leisure development at the earliest opportunity."

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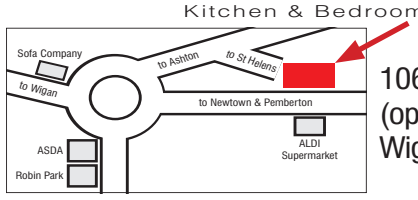

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Pensioner Paul visits reminiscence event seeking new friends and spots an 'old' relative

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WHEN pensioner Paul Critchley took part in a community event aimed at combatting loneliness he might have expected to make new friends – what he didn't expect was to come across a face from his own family past.

But that's what happened when he spotted a photograph which he'd never seen before of his grandfather Percy Critchley taken in 1922 at Town Green railway station!

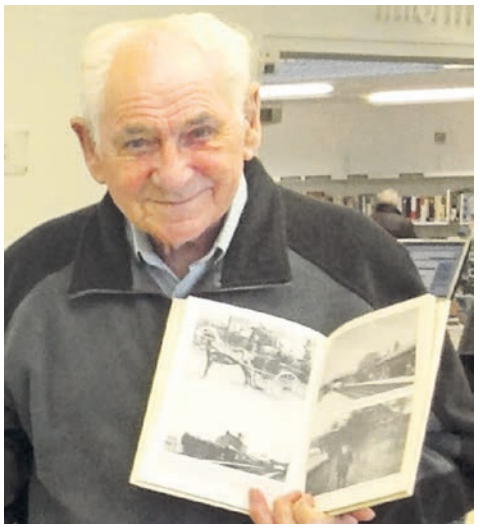
Paul, from Skelmersdale, was taking part in a Reminiscence Café event at Ormskirk library to which older residents of West Lancs were invited to go along and enjoy tea and biscuits and a chance to share memories.

The event featured music from bygone eras – including Glenn Miller, Ray Charles and Louis Armstrong – as well as local history books on Ormskirk, Skelmersdale and Southport.

It was while reading one of the books about Ormskirk that Paul came across the old photo of his grandad taken more than 90 years ago in the garden of Town Green station where he was stationmaster!

Jo Fidler, deputy manger at Ormskirk library, told the Champion: "It was really incredible when Paul found the picture of his grandfather at the station – he had no idea that the photo was in the book. It was really moving."

Lesley Malone, events organiser at Hillcroft residential and care home in Aughton, who spearheaded a scheme to take older members of the community on days out with residents from the home to help combat loneliness, attended the Reminiscence Café with six residents and three 'guests', including Paul.



Paul Critchley with the book containing the picture of his grandfather Percy

She said: "It was a lovely morning enjoyed by everyone. It was especially wonderful for Paul to find the picture of his grandfather, we were all so pleased for him. There are a lot of lonely elderly people in the community and one way for them to make new friends is to use their local library.

"Anyone who would like to join the Hillcroft residents at events like this can call us on 01695 422407."

The event was also attended by members of Age UK Ormskirk which organises events and trips for older residents.

Visitors to the Reminiscence Cafe event at Ormskirk library

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Burst main brings flood misery for residents

'The whole road was just like one big pool'

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

RESIDENTS of a Skelmersdale street were left counting the cost after a burst water main left their homes flooded, causing thousands of pounds' worth of damage.

Design engineer Alan Reed, 56, rang the Champion after the conservatory of the home he shares with his wife, Susan, in White Moss Road started to fill up with water on Tuesday, February 3.

After United Utilities were alerted to the problem, staff worked through the night to stem the flow although it took three days to finally solve the issue.

The company confirmed that six properties had been affected and they have offered to replace anything damaged by the floodwater.

Alan Reed said: "Due to the burst water main the entire road was flooded. It was awful, the whole road was just like one big pool.

Flooding outside Alan Reed's home on White Moss Road Code NA

Pumping

"United Utilities had tankers out on the first night but water levels kept on rising and I know at least five other families' homes have been flooded.

"We were given two sandbags each but they were far too small and didn't stop the water getting in – but we were luckier than some of our neighbours as the water was only in our conservatory.

"By Friday the United Utilities team had managed to sort out most of the problem and by then they were pumping away what was left of the water.

"They have also been around sorting out everyone's gardens and they've offered to pay to replace everything that has been damaged, so there looks to be an end in sight, although it took a lot longer than I expected."

Jenny Savage from United Utilities said: "We're very sorry to all our customers impacted by this water pipe burst. Our team worked through the night in an attempt to minimise flooding. Unfortunately even after pumping the flood water and putting sandbags out, six properties did suffer some internal flooding.

"We continue to have a presence on site and will be working with all affected customers to help put things right.

"Behind the scenes our team of engineers are working on repairing the damaged pipe, which may take several days due to the complex nature of what we need to do.

"The work we've done so far has meant that all of our customers have had their water supply restored."

Public invited to view ideas for Sandy Lane improvements

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS are being invited to go along and view West Lancs Council's ideas for improvements at the Sandy Lane Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale.

Among the options being considered is a hanging feature above the arcade that could be changed with seasonal displays with a professional artist working with the community to design and make the display.

Other ideas put forward include planting a tree and installing artwork on the ramp that could be lit up at night, along with improved lighting and signage.

The suggestions were the result of a programme of events held last summer when Sandy Lane Centre became a hive of activity hosting holiday activities for children, a Teddy Bears picnic and a Vintage and Handmade Fair.

These were all part of the process to find out what the local community, businesses and users felt about the centre.

Feedback has been used to inform a design process that has resulted in the development of a number of themes that could be taken forward, once funding is secured, to improve the centre.

The ideas will be on view to the public for comment at Unit 63, Sandy Lane Shopping Centre on the following dates:

• Wednesday, February 18 11am to 2pm

• Tuesday, February 24 11am to 4pm

• Saturday, February 28 10am to 1pm

Anyone visiting during these times will be able to discuss the ideas.

Written feedback is always welcome and forms will be available to collect from the Bella Uno cafe, Raffles Hairdresser, and Martins Newsagent.

Completed forms should be posted through the letter box at Unit 63 by Monday, March 2 at 4pm.

Leader of West Lancs Council, Councillor David Westley, said: "Sandy Lane Shopping Centre is an important part of the local community and we are aiming to make it an even better place for people to visit, work, and shop."

Councillor David Westley

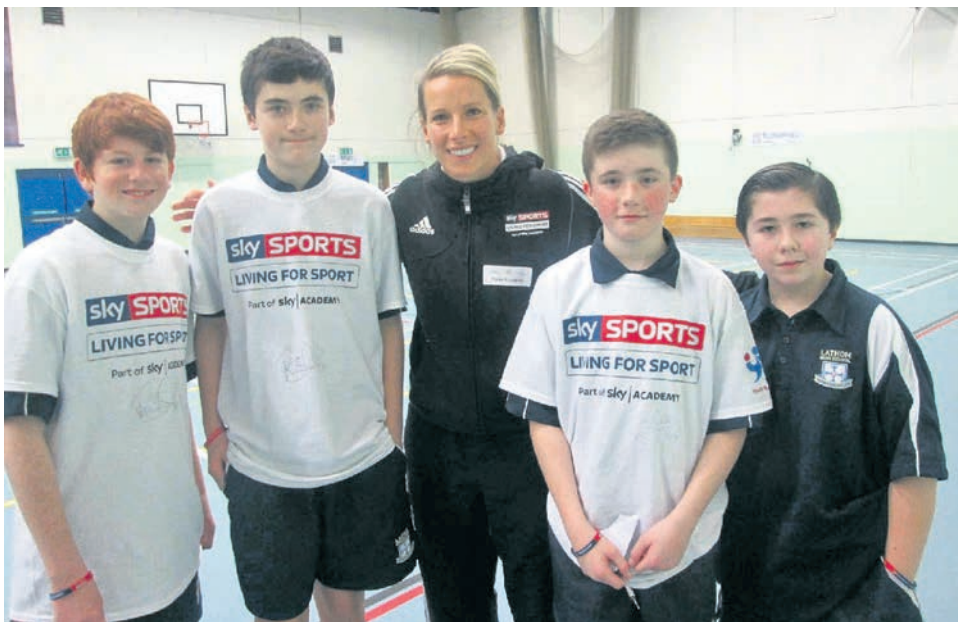
And Councillor David Sudworth, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, added: "We are very grateful to everyone who has already given us their ideas and comments about the centre. I would urge anyone who uses the centre to come and see the proposals and let us know what you think."

A Friends of Sandy Lane group has been set up to seek funding and support for any of the ideas, to help improve facilities for the Sandy Lane area and work with any interested partners.

The group is looking for new members who would like to help make their community an even better place. Anyone interested can contact Jenni Ashcroft either by email at jenni.ashcroft@westlancs.gov.uk or by phone at West Lanc Council arts development service on 01695 571328.

Unit 63 is also hosting a free family drop–in holiday activity called How does your Garden Grow? on Wednesday, February 18 from 11am to3pm. This will include a creative painting activity, and the completed art work will be installed around the centre.

Students given tips for the top by Engand Ladies star



Rachel Brown–Finnis is shown with Lathom High students Code NA

SPORTY students at a Skelmersdale high school were given some tips on achieving their aims when England and Everton Ladies goalkeeper, Rachel Brown–Finnis, visited as part of the Sky Sports Living Project.

Rachel told pupils at Lathom High about her journey to success in her sport and inspired them to work hard and follow their dreams using The Six Keys to Success.

After the classroom session the youngsters enjoyed a goalkeeping master class and had the opportunity to show Rachel their footballing skills.

Student Neve Blake said: "Rachel was inspirational and she has taught me so much. I've had the best day ever."

Band's pub gig date

LOCAL Skelmersdale band, The Shamones, are playing a gig at The Tanner pub in Elmridge on Saturday, February 14.

The four–piece band's repertoire includes classic hits from artists such as The Killers, Stereophonics, Coldplay and even a bit of Lady Gaga!

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STAFF and pupils at a primary school are celebrating after being awarded top marks by a government watchdog.

Following its most recent Ofsted inspection, Westhead Lathom St James Church of England Primary was adjudged outstanding in all aspects including achievement, teaching, behaviour and safety, early years provision and leadership and management.

Headteacher of the school in School Lane, Westhead, Alison Albion, said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive this recognition and are particularly pleased to have achieved this under the new Ofsted framework. Our small village school was judged to be outstanding' in every single category."

The Ofsted report states: "Standards attained by pupils are well above average by the end of Year Six. They achieve exceptionally well, making rapid progress in all year groups in reading and especially in writing and mathematics.

"Pupils greatly enjoy school because learning is enriched by many memorable activities, both in and out of lessons.

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Senior representatives from NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust and Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will be in attendance to answer questions.

Greg Mitten, board member of NHS West Lancashire CCG who oversees patient and public involvement, said: "The best way for us to understand how you are experiencing local health services is by talking to each other. We would like to hear from anyone who has feedback, a compliment, a complaint, a story or an idea for improvement – anything at all about local health services.

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Anyone who would like to find out more about the event can contact myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk or call 01695 588 000.

Trinity Mirror to close two more weeklies

NEWSPAPER publisher Trinity Mirror has announced the closure of two of its Merseyside titles, the Crosby Herald and the Formby Times.

The move, which will result in the loss of several editorial posts, was made, claim Trinity bosses, with 'huge reluctance.'

A spokesperson for the newspaper group said: "Both titles have a long and proud history and this decision is made with huge reluctance and in the knowledge that it will be accompanied by significant disappointment.

"It is sad to announce that long–established and much–loved newspapers are to close."

Chris Morley, from the NUJ (National Union of Journalists) responded to the news by saying: "When a newspaper goes, another light in the community goes out."

Both papers will cease publication at the end of March.

The announcement comes just weeks after the publisher revealed plans to close seven Trinity Mirror–owned titles in the south east.

Software developer secures major funding

Report by **Henry James**

A SKELMERSDALE software developer has secured major funding through North West corporate finance firm, MC Vanguard.

BrightOffice are aiming to unleash their ambitious growth and employment plans after staff at MC Vanguard, a division of Mitchell Charlesworth accountancy firm, secured £200,000 from the Merseyside Special Investment Fund.

The company, based in Potter Place, West Pimbo, delivers bespoke customer relationship management (CRM) solutions and specialist web–based platforms to businesses. This software aims to allow organisations to monitor and manage customer relationships with greater efficiency, across the computer network.

BrightOffice managing director, Paul Groome, said the firm is now set to invest in a series of initiatives to drive growth and job creation.

"This is a terrific boost for BrightOffice" he said. "The investment comes at a time of sustained growth and will enable us to take the business to the next level. There are a number of areas where we can now accelerate activity.

"It will stabilise our working capital base and enable us to roll out a broad restructuring process which is fundamental to our development plan.

"It will also allow us to drive recruitment. We are looking to ramp up our training initiative and up–skill the local force. Another area we can expand is the sales and marketing department. It further provides employment security for all current staff."

Robin Gower, Billy Price, BrightOffice finance director and Paul Humphray of MSIF

Mr Groome said corporate finance advisors MC Vanguard played a pivotal role in securing the investment.

"The MC Vanguard team secured early–stage funding for us in 2009 and have again attracted this latest investment. They are experts in their field, bringing a high level of skill and knowledge. Crucially, they get results."

MC Vanguard director, Robin Gower, said: "This investment from MSIF will help to propel the firm forwards and we wish them every success in the future."

BrightOffice works across a range of sectors including financial claims, debt management, debt collection, Green Deal & ECO, renewable energy, training, job management and lettings management. Its CRM systems help to track the history of customer interactions, from calls, emails and meetings to deal closing.

Students raising money for hospice

YOUNG people from the BDS training centre in Gillibrands are inviting residents to book in for a hair appointment and help raise money for Queenscourt Hospice.

The teenagers at the centre are calling the event, which lasts until Friday (February 13), Mad Hair Week.

Half of the proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the hospice.

Messages

Organiser, Kimberly Rowlands said: "The more people we get there, the more we can raise for Queenscourt Hospice."

There will also be a balloon release today (Wednesday). Students plan to put messages in the balloons, along with their addresses, and see how far they go.

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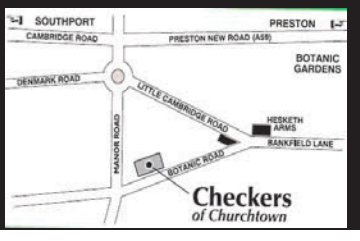

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Awards night celebrates Artz Centre's first year

Report by **Henry James**

THE first year of the Artz Centre in Skelmersdale has been marked at a glitzy awards presentation.

Staff, students and more than 250 guests attended the Oscars–style event, including Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Doreen Stevenson and event sponsor David Vella, of the Karl Vella Group.

More than 100 young people from Skelmersdale and the surrounding community received awards and acknowledgements for their outstanding achievement in the arts.

The Artz Centre opened its doors in January 2014, when director Mark Ashton and his team took over the building from West Lancs Council and the awards evening took a look back at the changes undergone at the former Birch Green Community Centre.

Since its launch, The Artz Centre has become home to more than 200 students from across the town who are developing under the guidance of creative professionals.

Former Lathom High School pupil, 16–year–old Megan Sumner scooped The Student of the Year award in the senior category, while 11–year old Grace Gough from Cobbs Brow Primary picked up the award in the junior category.

Other big prizes went to Hannah Hill and Gabby McEveley for musical achievement, Erica Lester and Courtney Helsby for dramatic performance, Caitlin Webster, Grace Worth and Macy McAllister for achievement in dance, plus awards for Ellie Nesbitt and Rosa Taylor for special achievement and best newcomer respectively.

Mark Ashton with staff and students of the Artz Centre

Mark Ashton said: "It was great to see so many turn out to celebrate an amazing year for our students and staff. When I took over the centre, I was always confident that we would make a success of it but even I couldn't have predicted the overwhelming response we have had since its launch.

"The Artz Centre has gone from strength to strength and a five–year plan for change has been achieved in just 12 months.

"An empty shell has now been developed into a thriving hub for creative, passionate and talented people all working hard to better themselves. Opportunities in all forms of creativity are becoming available including photography, digital design, recording music and technical theatre to add to the already bustling dance, singing and drama classes.

"I want to pay tribute to the students for their efforts and achievements and thank the Artz Team for their phenomenal input into making The Artz Centre the success it is. There is still a long way to go but the future looks bright for creative arts in Skelmersdale."

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Skem workers back mental health awareness day

Report by **Henry James**

WORKERS at a Skelmersdale company supported Time to Change, the mental health anti–stigma programme run by Mind and Rethink Mental Illness, by getting involved in the national Time to Talk Day and taking five minutes on Thursday, February 5 to have a conversation about mental health.

Staff at PepsiCo joined hundreds of other organisations, schools and members of the public to break the silence that surrounds mental health.

PepsiCo also successfully launched a psychological therapy service pilot this month at its site in Pennine Place.

The company supported Time To Talk Day for the second year running, running a range of initiatives designed to raise awareness of mental health issues.

A text line was open for employees to text any questions they have about mental health and receive a reply from RehabWorks, the company's mental health provider.

Kimberley Swift

PepsiCo also encouraged employees to hold conversation relays across departments, as well as providing information about the campaign to staff on site via interactive screens, posters, online and the company newsletter.

Research has shown that one in six workers in the UK is currently dealing with a mental health problem such as anxiety, depression or stress and that work is the biggest cause ahead of debt or financial problems.

Kimberley Swift, health and wellness manager at PepsiCo said: "Our Performance with Purpose programme, which runs through everything we do as an organisation, includes a commitment to provide a safe and inclusive workplace for all employees.

"Time to Talk Day offers a great opportunity to help deliver this promise, while tackling the stigma that still surrounds mental health and raising awareness of this really important issue."

In addition to supporting Time To Talk Day, PepsiCo has helped develop the MyMood App for staff, which is designed to educate and support self–diagnosis, as well as providing signposts to mental health support services both internally and externally.

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West Lancs OAPs entitled to benefit from public subsidies paid to travel companies

I HAVE much sympathy for Hazel Anderton of Renacres Lane, Halsall, who wrote to The Champion about her 300 bus having been 'taken away because of cost–cutting' (Letters, February 4) although she appears to have her knickers in a twist about Rosie Cooper MP who wants to support a group campaigning for free rail travel for West Lancs pensioners.

It doesn't take the powers of deduction of Sherlock Holmes to see through her complaint. 'Nothing is free. It would have to be paid for. Ask anyone from Sefton. Free public transport means higher council tax', she writes. Well, Sefton is a part of the Merseytravel conglomerate that pays Merseyrail a huge amount of public money, known as public subsidy, to run the rail service.

We in West Lancashire are not included in Merseytravel and so our transport funding has always been about one seventh by comparison. Well, the last time I checked I pay more council tax than any resident of Sefton does.

For the avoidance of doubt we OAPs pay council tax and income tax too, which in turn subsidises Merseyrail, which in turn, being a private, foreign–owned company, makes profits and pays those profits to shareholders in Holland and Spain – £14m paid in dividends for the year to January 2014.

As for her remark about 'objecting to paying more council tax subsidising free rail travel for those who already have free bus travel when my only means of public transport i.e. the 300 bus service, has been taken away', which bus does she think her elderly and disabled neighbours in Halsall or anywhere else where buses have been taken away use their free bus travel on? What use IS a free bus pass without a bus?

To return to the main complaint against Rosie Cooper MP and her campaign, we senior citizens sought a means by which we could use off–peak, nearly empty rail carriages that we and Hazel Anderton subsidise. With Serco and Abellio reaping the dividends of public subsidy, despite many off–peak trains being nearly empty, what cost does Ms Anderton object to?

Resources are spent on rail travel regardless of being empty or full, and running into and out of West Lancashire shouldn't we have some benefit from our subsidies to Merseytravel/Merseyrail? Perhaps it might cost £100,000 and so those poor shareholders might only receive £13,900,000 instead.

Alan Lenton,
by email

Ticket office closure proposal is off the rails

I WAS saddended to hear of the proposed closure of the Burscough Bridge railway station ticket office.

Firstly, the service is second to none, the staff who work there are fine ambassadors for the company. Phil and Debbie are exceptionally helpful. I go to them to buy all my train tickets, even those which do not directly involve the station, as they are able to navigate the maze which is internet booking.

My use of the rail services is definitely increased by their support. I have also noticed how patient and diplomatic they are with the frustrations which customers can have.

I have bought railcards based on their advice and they help me complete paperwork for when my disabled mother travels by train. They have also advised me on the most efficient way to use the railways with my young family.

I have always appreciated face–to–face interaction as opposed to having to use the internet.

Secondly, Burscough is a lively village and, I'm sure you are aware, there are plans for extensive development. The booking office is very rarely empty and, to me, appears well used. I feel demand will only increase over the next few years.

There has been resistance to the development from within the village and the provision of appropriate infrastructure has been promised.

Thirdly, I have felt valued by Northern Rail through the provision of this exceptional service and I would very much regret it if this were to change.

**Mary Welham,
Burscough**

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This 'bride and groom' joined more than 2,500 runners for Southport's Mad Dog 10k race on Sunday.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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It's time to think positively and back our town

FOLLOWING on from your front–page article about shops closing in the Concourse shopping centre, I think this is being blown out of proportion.

All across the country, centres and high streets are losing shops every day due to the the public not using them.

With the Concourse shopping centre starting work on a £4 million revamp of the centre, I think it's time that we all supported businesses in there and look positively to the future as we are quick enough to complain when the surrounding towns get new commodities and Skelmersdale misses out all the time.

I know that the town doesn't boast the main shopping outlets that some places do, but I think we have enough to manage and attract customers.

Let's back Skelmersdale and the Concourse shopping centre to deliver what they have promised, then judge when work is complete.

P. Davies, by email

A layman's answers to fracking questions

ALTHOUGH only a layman on the subject, perhaps I could give some answers to the questions concerning fracking posed by your correspondent (Letters, February 4).

• 1. Reduction in house prices. Why? Perhaps it's caused by the Greens in their wider sense spreading fear, which appears to be their major weapon.

• 2. Contamination of drinking water. The drill shaft is lined by concrete so is sealed from the strata from which it is passing through so contamination should not happen.

• 3. Loss of grade 1 agricultural land. If we travel on the M6 between junction 25/26 on the west side is a former colliery site now reclaimed as farmland, the same can happen to the old fracking sites.

• 4. What happens to the six–acre site. This is answered in the previous statement. Six acres is about four football pitches to give a better understanding of the size of the site.

• 5. Pollution of water courses. This is answered in statement 2.

• 6 & 7. Who is going to maintain the sites/ further loss of prime agricultural land. Also answered in statement 3.

• 8. Small earthquakes. The Fylde coast is in an earthquake zone stretching from the Menai Strait in Wales. There are several hundred earthquakes in the UK over a year.

• 9. Drilling for two miles in all directions. Compared to mining that is minimal. When you consider how far miners go underground to exploit the coal seam there must be rabbit warrens of filled–in shafts under Skelmersdale right now.

• 10. Why is the government keen to rush it through Parliament? No doubt so that ordinary people can then benefit from this source of energy, unlike solar farms, which take out large amounts of agricultural land permanently, and wind farms, which never recoup their investment, but they both look good as they swallow up subsidies while people get poorer, because of it.

I hope this answers the questions posed.

Stephen Bennett,
Briars Green, Ashurst

Parents need some lessons in respect

HAVING read the letter (Champion, January 28) from the lady expressing her pride in the achievements of Parbold Douglas CE Academy, I agree wholeheartedly that it is wonderful to report success in anything, especially in the education of the young.

I wonder, however, how many of these children will grow up with a basic knowledge of the Highway Code, and if they do, will they implement this knowledge once they are in charge of a motor vehicle? And more importantly, will they show due respect to other road users and pedestrians?

A few hours before I read the letter I witnessed a typical morning scene in Tan House Lane, Parbold. A few of the parents of pupils of the aforementioned school had double–parked, parked on double yellow lines, parked fully on the pavement and even parked at the bus stop, resulting in the local bus reversing to probably find an alternative route.

In the past, when attention is drawn to their misdemeanours, the parents of these superbly–educated children will react either with a reverse Winston Churchill salute or a verbal response befitting an illiterate navvy!

I will no doubt be bombarded with indignant responses stating that these are the actions of a minority. Of course they are, but this minority will have an influence on their children and everyone is well aware that parental guidance is even more important than scholastic education.

As an interesting footnote, a couple of years ago a gentleman stood on my doorstep and stated that because of the disrespectful parking of the parents, he was just waiting for an accident to happen.

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**J. McGregor,
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Science college gets top marks from county schools chief

By Danielle Thompson

LANCASHIRE County Council's schools chief, Nikki Hennessy, continued her tour of the county's schools with a visit to Burscough Priory Science College.

County Councillor Hennessy, the county's lead member for schools, was given a guided tour by headteacher, Dr Graham Clarke, and took the opporutnity to meet and chat with students at the school in Trevor Road

She said: "As lead member I'm getting around to as many schools as I can and it's especially rewarding to visit schools in my 'home patch' of West Lancashire.

"I continue to be impressed by the high quality of schools I've seen and Burscough Priory is no exception."

Dr Clarke commented: "Priory is one of the highest achieving high schools in the country and I'm proud to say student progress is consistently outstanding.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy with headteacher Dr Graham Clarke and (from left) students Olivia Pounder, Sophie Clarke and Rebecca Lamb

"Our 2014 exam results continued to rise rapidly – 77% of students gained at least 5A*–C grades including English and Maths at GCSE, which means this year group has made the most progress in the school's history across the whole curriculum.

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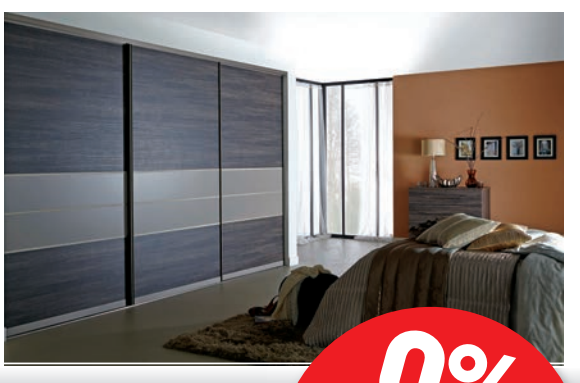

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Healthy and easy–to–cook recipes from Skelmersdale Community Food Initiative are also included.

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Healthwatch team launch campaign in bid to boost blood stocks

Report by **Henry James**

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January is typically the busiest month for donors honouring New Year's resolutions yet NHS Blood and Transplant is currently appealing for donors due to low stock levels.

The Healthwatch Lancashire team will be engaging with residents in various locations across the county to collect the views of the public including hospitals, GP surgeries, pharmacies, schools and colleges. The findings will then be shared with those who manage, run and regulate health and social care services.

Gill Brown, Healthwatch Lancashire chief executive, said: "According to the latest figures, more than 25% of people require donated blood in their lifetime and this is a lifeline for many people needing long–term treatments, not just in emergencies.

"This research will be conducted throughout February across Lancashire and we are really looking for members of the public to participate so we can identify any barriers or opportunities for blood donation in the county.

"By collecting intelligence from studies such as this and working with those who run and manage services, Healthwatch Lancashire has the ability to influence changes that will work towards every person in the county receiving the health and social care they not only need, but deserve."

Healthwatch Lancashire is appealing for people to share their stories and experiences of giving or receiving blood on their website www.healthwatchlancashire.co.uk/blood.

Spreading health options message

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Dr John Caine, local GP and NHS West Lancashire CCG chair, said: "These leaflets, which can fit in a wallet or be displayed as a poster, offer really useful advice and I would encourage all local business and groups to help spread this vital message."

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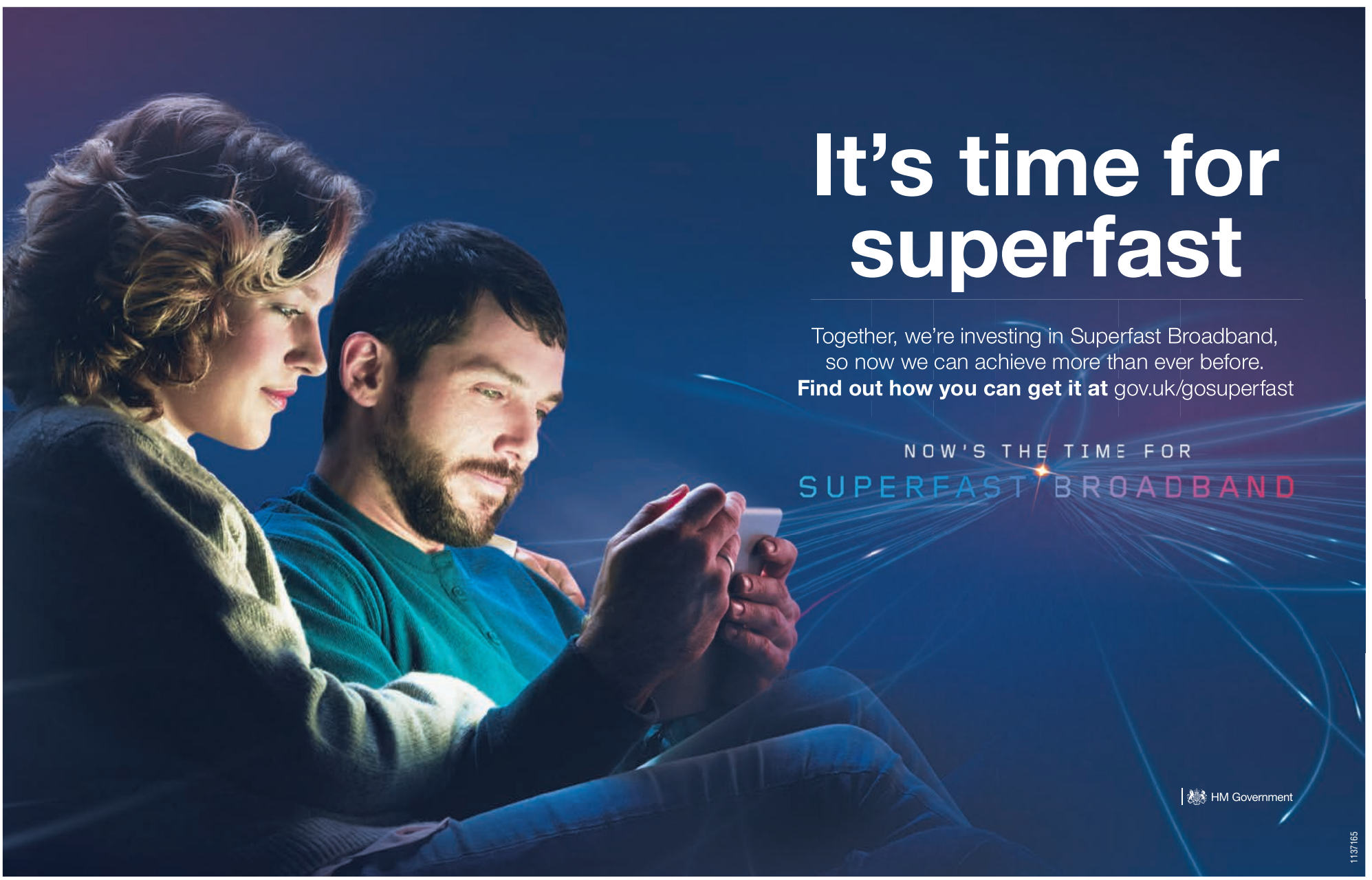
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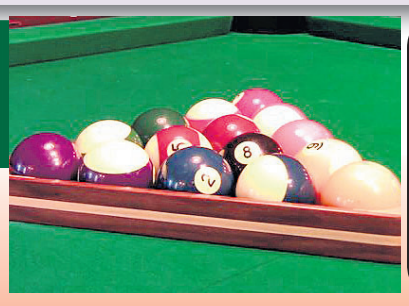

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New nursing chief signs up to name campaign

By Ollie Cowan

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital Trust's new director of nursing marked his first day in his new role by signing up to the 'hellomynameis' campaign.

Simon Featherstone, who joins the trust from Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust, helped to launch the campaign which aims to encourage staff to introduce themselves to patients.

After qualifying from Charing Cross School of Nursing, London in 1991, Simon held posts at Charing Cross, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital and Lewisham Hospital before joining Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust in 2009 as deputy director of nursing.

He said: "I am thrilled to be joining the team here and I'm especially pleased to be launching the 'hellomynameis' campaign.

"This campaign encourages health professionals to introduce themselves to patients before examining them, discussing their treatment with them.

"I hope my new colleagues will follow my example and say hello to patients before treating them, it only takes a moment and adds an extra caring touch."

Simon Featherstone helps launch the campaign

. . . and Lancashire Care Trust staff are backing it too

STAFF at Lancashire Care Trust are also backing the campaign to ensure that patients are properly introduced to the doctors and nurses caring for them.

Doctor Kate Granger, a hospital consultant who has terminal cancer, spearheaded the 'hellomynameis' campaign after she noticed that during her own care, introductions were often missed, making her feel frustrated.

Her campaign on social media platform Twitter is inspiring nurses, doctors, therapists, receptionists, porters, domestics and staff in all roles.

Janet Thomas, deputy director of nursing at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "It is important for us that our patients have a great experience whilst in our care. This campaign is great as it reminds us of the importance of simple things that can make the difference between a positive or negative experience for the patient."

Stephen's a community hero

A VOLUNTEER with a West Lancashire swimming club has been hailed as a community hero for his dedication to helping children across Sefton and West Lancashire.

Firefighter Stephen Bousfield won a Halifax Giving Extra Award after a judging panel acknowledged what they called "his brilliant work helping young people."

Stephen, who was nominated by his wife Cath, helps out at the Ormskirk Otters Swimming Club based at the town's Park Pool which caters for more than 150 children from across the region.

Honour

He has also been an Explorer Scout leader for the past 19 years and currently leads the 22nd Bootle Scouts, as well as being a training officer for the St John Ambulance Brigade.

And he juggles all those commitments around his full–time job as a firefighter.

Stephen said: "I was out in the firetruck when the message came through that I had won and I was totally blown away. It's a great honour to be recognised in this way."

Stephen Bousfield with his award

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Nimbys deserve a fair hearing

I'VE been thinking a lot about 'Nimbys' recently.

What with the Green Belt, the Local Plan and here in Maghull the probability of a new semi–secure unit for folk with serious mental disorders, all these and more bring Nimbys out in droves.

And now I suppose you think I am going to be rude or sarcastic about Nimbys. If so, you're in for something of a disappointment because, not only do I uphold to the last their right to object to anything they want, I am, I confess, something of a Nimby myself.

When all is said and done, if you are not prepared to stand up for your own corner of this country, then who on earth IS going to?

And no, before the letters start flooding in, I am not saying that I necessarily support all or any of the protestors in any of these particular cases, but whatever the rights and wrongs of any particular case, it's not only fair, but absolutely vital that objectors to anything should be allowed a hearing. And, what's more, a proper hearing.

Someone who objects to a sewage farm next door to their home is surely entitled to being given proper attention – not being at best patronised and promptly forgotten. And it matters not a damn whether the sewage farm is a vital necessity and some 'expert' has written a report claiming this is the only possible site.

Given half a chance, the points being made by a Nimby can sometimes be accepted as a valid reason not to do something in that particular back yard. And occasionally too, can sometimes lead to a better scheme with fewer objectors someplace else.

Now, I also freely admit that some successful Nimby pressure groups very possibly wouldn't be agin any particular scheme if it was somewhere, anywhere, else. Iwonder if the protestors who seem to have won the battle (though not yet by any means the war) against the controversial fracking process would really want us to believe that the whole business was so very dangerous to the well–being of us all, if it were proposed for somewhere, anywhere else?

Yes, I know, the anti–frackers will support other similar Nimby groups up and down the land – but really, they'd have to, wouldn't they? But there I am, well into the cul–de–sac of mocking those who don't want something on their doorstep.

What I am against though, is the scenario where genuine protest becomes an excuse for something akin to riot with rent–a–mobs wrecking fences, property and anything else in the name of 'protest'.

And of course there is also the danger of people being drawn onto a bandwagon. Everyone's complaining, so I should.

I worry too sometimes about petitions. I reckon they're about as reliable as council 'consultations'.

I mean, if someone knocks on your door just as Corrie or the Big Match is about to start asking you to sign a petition against the proposed skateboard park near your home, on the grounds of noise and unruly youngsters passing your house – you'll sign just to get rid of them.

And if the next day, the same thing happens with a person waving a petition for the same facility because it will give said unruly youngsters something to do – well, you'll probably sign that too.

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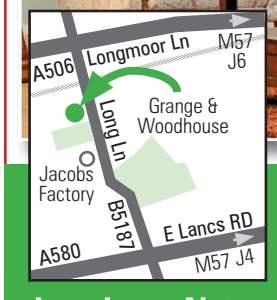

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Karate kids make the grade

TWO young martial arts students proved they're a couple of belters by making the grade following a gruelling three–and–a–half–hour exam.

The pair, Joshua Briant, 15, and 12–year–old Sam Smythe, 12 are both members of Ormskirk's English Goju Ryu Karate Association (EGKA).

The EGKA holds two opportunities a year for the students to test for black belt grading or the preliminary grade before, 1st kyu, at Woodchurch on the Wirral. Joshua was awarded the black belt grade, while Sam was given the 1st kyu.

Sensei (tutor) Sandra Brookfield, head of Ormskirk EGKA, said: "There are two opportunities a year for students to test for black belt grades or the preliminary grade before black belt (1st Kyu).

"Joshua, who is a junior shodan and Sam, who is a 1st yyu preliminary for shodan, were awarded their grades at the tough winter grading.

"Joshua is our fifth black belt and the youngest to day. Also, three students will soon be eligible for 3rd dan which is a fantastic testament to the lads' dedication to training Goju Ryu, a traditional karate system from Okinawa in Japan.

"To achieve the level required to pass this grading requires a great amount of commitment and is a life achievement to be extremely proud of."

Meanwhle the association is keen to recruit more girl members.

Sandra added: "We have had some girls who have come close to this level but not quite made it. If you are a girl and would like to become involved please come down and try it out."

For more details contact Sandra Brookfield at sandra@ormskirkkarate.co.uk.

Sandra Brookfield with Joshua and Sam

Rangers to hold bird–feeding events

WEST Lancs Council rangers are holding three 'feed the birds' events for local youngsters during schools half–term.

The rangers will also reveal ways to transform items you would normally throw away into feeders to help birds find food in gardens during cold weather.

The first event takes place at Coronation Park, Ormskirk on Monday, February 16, meet at the bowling pavilion at 1pm.

Richmond Park, Burscough is the venue for the second on Tuesday, February 17, again starting at 1pm from the bowling pavilion.

And Stanley Coronation Park, Skemersdale will host the third on Wednesday, February 18, meeting at the bowling pavilion at 10am.

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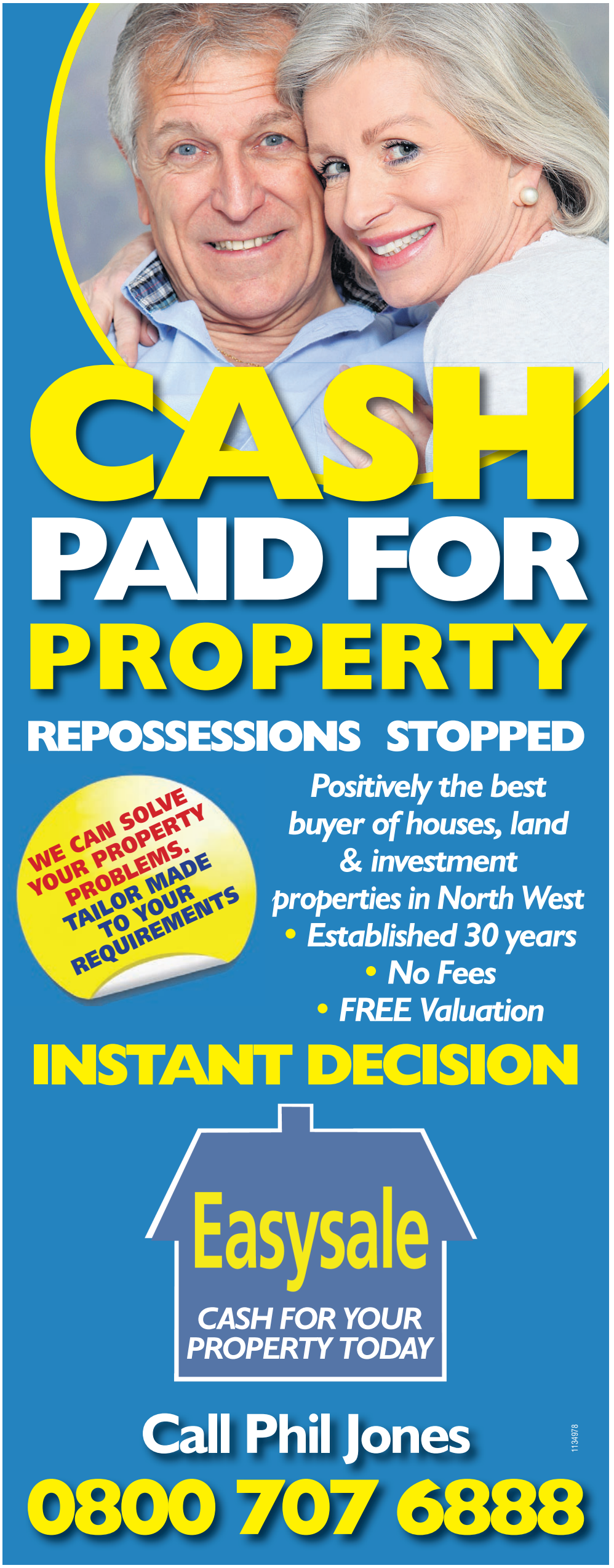

Don't miss the vote!

Report by **Henry James**

West Lancs Council is urging local residents to make sure their name is on the electoral register

WEST Lancs Council is sending lettters to every home in the borough urging all eligible residents to make sure they are registered to vote in this year's elections.

On Thursday, May 7 voters all over the country will go to the polls in the General Election, while there are also local elections in some wards. If you are not on the electoral roll you won't be able to vote.

The letters will contain a list of who is registered to vote at that property plus details of how to register if your name is not on the list.

Gill Rowe, Returning Officer for West Lancs, said: "You need to be on the electoral roll to have your say in local and UK Parliamentary elections on Thursday, May 7. So please read the letter we send you carefully and if you or a member of your household is not listed, please follow the instructions in the letter to make sure everyone is registered.

"Young people, students and people who move frequently are much less likely to be registered to vote. We urge them to get onto the electoral register."

Teenagers who are due to reach the age of 18 on or before May 7 can vote in the elections, but must register.

Registering to vote on the electoral roll also helps when applying for credit or a loan. Credit reference agencies use the register to confirm where someone lives when they apply for credit in order to counteract fraud.

You can fill in an online registration at https://www.gov.uk/register–to–vote.

If you require further information you can email elections.office@westlancs.gov.uk or if you don't have access to the Internet call the elections office on 01695 585014 to ask for a paper registration form.

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Carol Melhuish, the county council's transportation officer, said: "We meet people at their home to go for a drive in their local area and offer positive tips and friendly advice which has a positive impact on the way they drive."

To find out more about the course or to book a place call 01772 456412 or email olderdrivers @lancashire.gov.uk.

Council licensing policy changes

CHANGES have been made to West Lancs Council's policy on licensing issues, including the sale and supply of alcohol, late night refreshment and regulated entertainment, after a public consultation.

More emphasis will be placed on businesses to meet the requirements, while it will be easier for members of the public to lodge their concerns.

The official document used by the council when licensing pubs, bars and other licensed operations has been updated. Significant changes have been made to the policy to reflect recent changes in legislation and issues across the borough.

Football stalwart honoured

A FOOTBALL coach who has helped to run junior football teams for more than 25 years has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Lancashire Sports Awards.

Father–of–two Tommy Davies, from Hillock Lane, Scarisbrick, first got involved when his five year–old son joined the Elmers Green Junior Football Club in Skelmersdale, helping to run the team.

From then on the retired delivery driver's involvement with the game snowballed and, as well as performing talent scouting duties for pro clubs Blackburn Rovers and Everton, the 67–year–old ran the West Lancs Schoolboys under–15s county side for more than 20 years.

He also helped to raise funds for equipment and facilities for the county side.

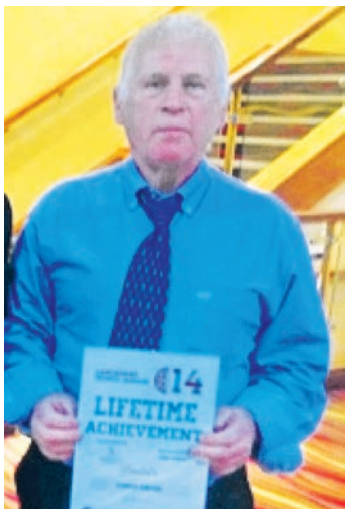
The awards, sponsored by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, celebrate sporting achievement throughout the county.

Tommy's wife, Averil, said: "For 20 years he has run the under–15s schoolboys' county side achieving honours that West Lancashire has never won before and helping many young lads to progress. He was delighted to be nominated for the award.

"He would also like to thank all of the lads that he has coached throughout his career."

Meanwhile, Tommy hasn't quite called time on his coaching career completely.

Averil revealed: "Our grandson Cain is five years old and I have spotted Tommy starting to coach him!"



• RIGHT: Tommy with his Lifetime Achievement Award

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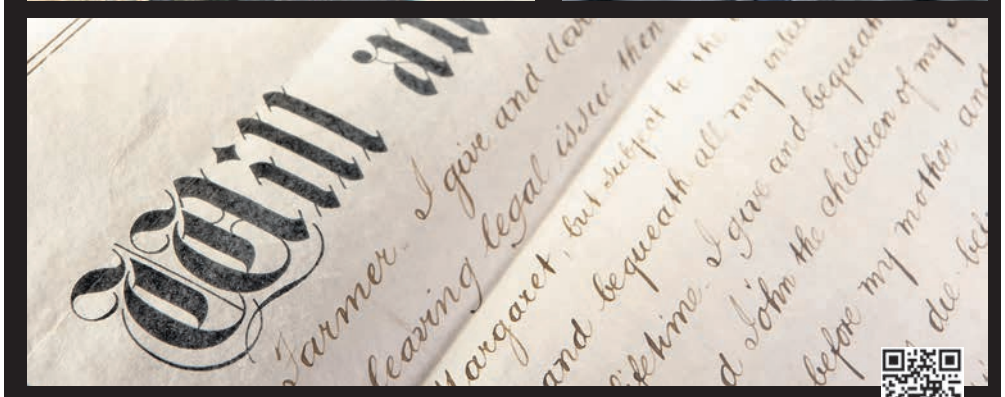

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From April 2016, a series of reforms regarding the funding of care will come into effect as a result of the Care Act 2014. In essence, a cap on care costs of £72,000 will be introduced but this will not include the daily living costs of being in a care home or nursing home. Therefore, it is not as simple as saying that you will not have to pay more than £72,000 towards your care.

The new rules will be an improvement on the existing system but they are by no means perfect. Therefore, it is better to start planning for the future now. To protect your property you should consider:

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MP supports fracking bill 'freeze'

ROSIE Cooper has voted in favour of a motion calling for a fracking moratorium at the report stage of the Infrastructure Bill.

The West Lancs MP supported the freeze on the progression of the bill as she feels the scientific and environmental concerns surrounding fracking have not yet been fully investigated, and feels that appropriate time and research must be taken before any decision can be made.

Although an immediate moratorium on fracking was not passed, Ms Cooper is among a growing number of MPs that want to act now to protect communities and the climate from the high risks of fracking.

She also backed 13 amendments to the Infrastructure Bill to better protect residents, tabled by the Parliamentary Labour Party.

She said: "As a country we need to do more to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, which includes using renewable energy sources. However, the need for renewable energy should not override the substantial environmental and community interests and concerns.

"As I have said previously, my position on fracking is clear, I will not support fracking while there is any question of environmental damage or threats to the safety of residents, and as someone from a science background I have not been convinced of the arguments in support of fracking.

"As the MP for West Lancashire my constituents who live in close proximity to the site are my top priority. I believe residents want to be assured of their safety, not bribed with the inducements of community benefits.

"Whilst Labour have secured 13 changes to the Infrastructure Bill ensuring no fracking can take place unless an environmental impact assessment has been carried out, or in land which is located within the boundary of a groundwater source protection zone, there is still more to be looked at."

Friends of the Earth campaigner, Rose Dickinson, said: "Although the moratorium was defeated, Rosie Cooper is among a growing number of MPs who are listening to people across the country that are united against fracking. As evidence continues to show that fracking poses risks to public health and the environment, we urgently need to follow in the footsteps of New York State, the Netherlands and France by putting a stop to fracking now.

New appointment at safety consultants

AN Ormskirk firm which identifies hazards and risks in the workplace and offers fire, explosion and gas safety training has welcomed a new member to its senior team.

Asset management specialist Alastair Crombie has joined GexCon where he will play a leading role in establishing an asset management service line for diverse high–hazard industries.

Alastair joins the The hattersley Way–based safety and risk management consultancy as a principle engineer and will lead the development for GexCon globally.

He was previously a group leader for the asset risk management team at DNV GL, the leading ship and offshore classification society, based in Norway.

Prior to that Alastair spent time with the maintenance and modification of drilling rigs, as well as developing offshore wind technology.

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Government support extends beyond advice, to the likes of financial incentives and tax relief too. The well known children's luggage company, Trunki, accessed tax relief support, helping them to take huge strides forward as a business.

Rob Law, founder of Trunki, explains more: "Alongside moving our manufacturing to Plymouth, allowing us to benefit from The Patent Box scheme, we also received government support through R&D tax credits for the development of our BoostAPak children's car seat and for the re-engineered version of our Trunki suitcases, which is now easier to manufacture in the UK and to recycle".

In addition to the growing range of financial sources - such as crowd funding and peer-to-peer lending - there are many government schemes and incentives developed to help companies of all sizes secure funding. As with Trunki, if your business meets the criteria, it may also qualify for help with business rates or tax relief for research and development, so it's worth doing the homework to see what could benefit your business.

To learn about how the government can support you and your business to grow, visit www.greatbusiness.gov.uk .

Many businesses will be focusing on ways to grow and expand in 2015 and one route to consider is exporting to new markets. Where there is an appetite from customers, there is an opportunity to expand, which is something that fashion bag manufacturer, Supreme Creations, capitalised on in their early days. Following enquiries from overseas, they decided to seek advice and launch their products across the globe. Working with UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) and a range of government support services, they managed to smoothly and successfully navigate the world of exporting.

Many small business owners are now looking to the government for a range of guidance to help them build and grow their business. An example is Andrew Ramroop, the owner of Maurice Sedwell tailors, based on Savile Row.

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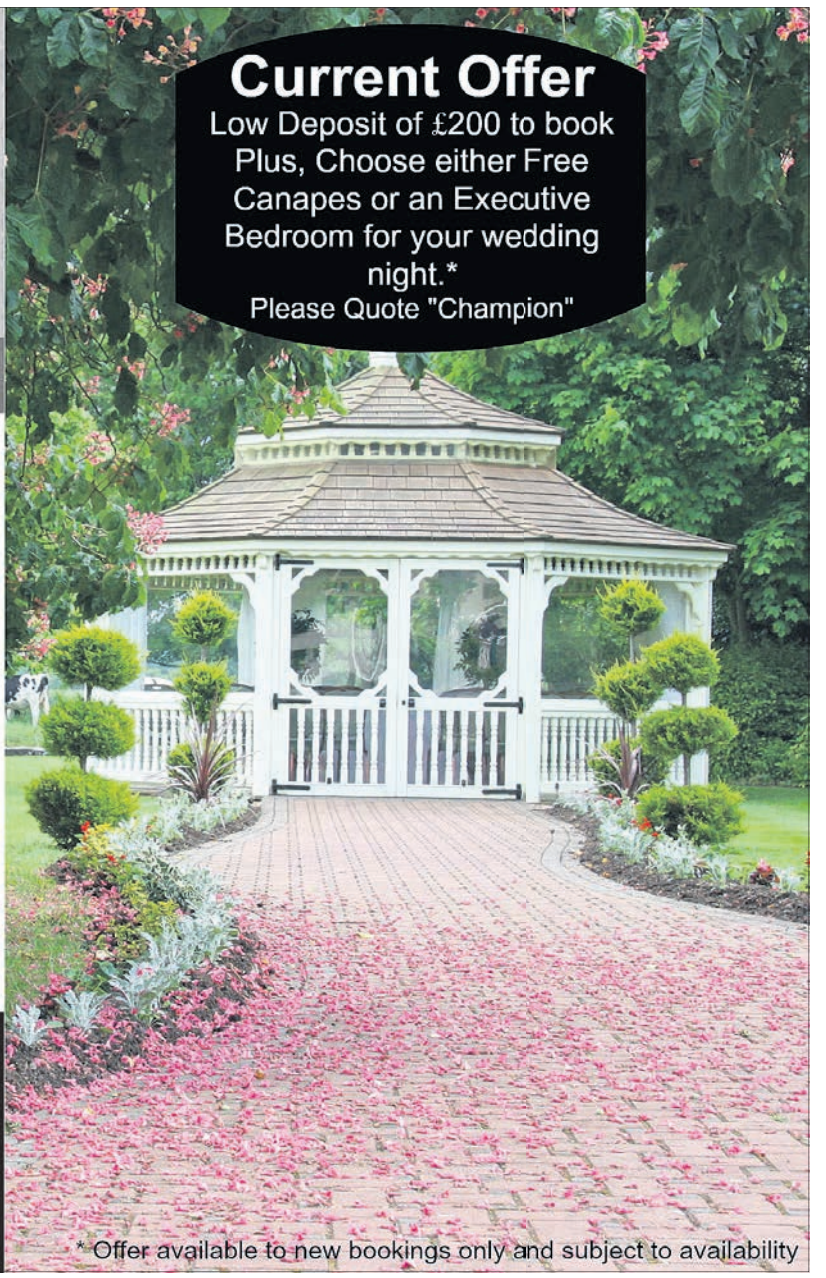
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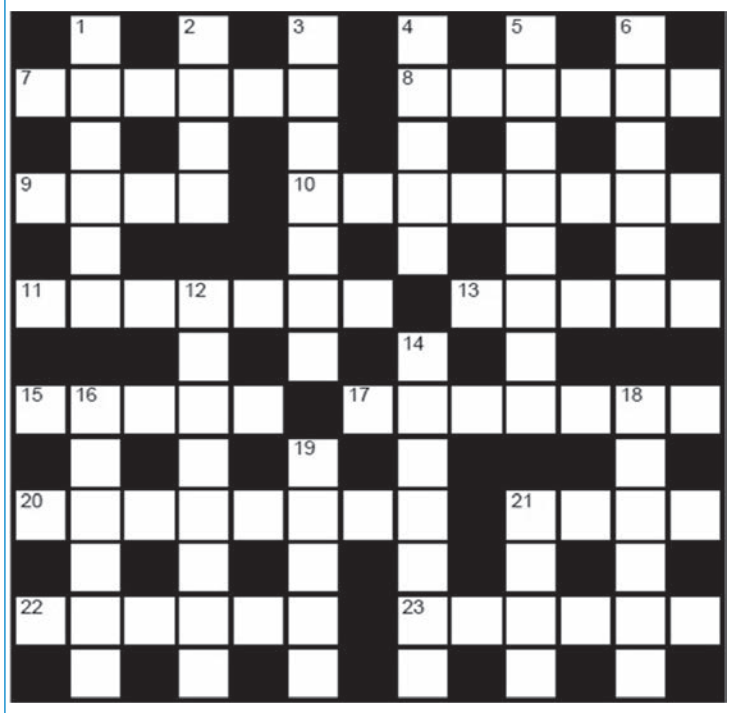

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7 A person's orders or command (6)
8 Discrimination on the grounds of age (6)
9 A deep inlet of the sea (4)
10 Giving or intended as a cure (8)
11 To adorn with a garland of flowers or other decorations (7)
13 Merriment (5)
15 Fragrant oil made from rose petals (5)
17 Event causing great suffering or distress (7)
20 Ancient civilisation's code forming the basis of legal systems in many modern countries (5,3)
21 Speed contest (4)
22 When a computer is in operation (6)
23 Outcome (6)

DOWN

1 Read carefully (6)
2 Feudal slave (4)
3 Fame, celebrity (7)
4 Crazy (5)
5 Young plant (8)
6 At an angle (6)
12 Rum-based, coffee flavoured liqueur (3,5)
14 Furniture storage compartments that slide in and out (7)
16 Group of touring entertainers (6)
18 Submissive, compliant (6)
19 Change (5)
21 Go up (4)

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Across: 7 Stroke. 8 Thirty. 9 Thus. 10 Rotating. 11 Abandon. 13 Debit. 15 Tot up. 16 Strange. 18 Opencast. 19 Kale. 21 Sprain. 22 Thorny.
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Great Docklife giveaway!

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To win this fabulous prize all you have to do is answer the following question and email it to **henry.jones@champnews.com**

Entries must include a daytime contact number and full address. One entry per household. Closing date for entries is Sunday, February 15, 2015.

Q: Docklife is a celebration of which famous Liverpool dock?

Terms and conditions apply. The prize is for four people – two adults and two children (under the age of 16), is subject to availability, non transferable, and cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotion. No cash alternatives will be given. The prize must be taken by August 6, 2015.

Docklife Coming To Albert Dock

A unique event will tell the real life stories of Albert Dock since its regeneration 25 years ago, celebrating the people connected to the popular and cherished waterfront destination.

Bringing street theatre, song and dance to Albert Dock's quaysides on Sunday, February 15, Docklife promises to be a visual treat, recreating the special moments, however small or large, that people have experienced at the Dock.

You might have fallen in love at Albert Dock. Maybe your dad took you there when you were a child. Or maybe it's simply the place where you like to take a relaxing walk at the weekend.

Docklife will bring these magical stories to life and kick–start a week of free, family workshops and special restaurant deals during half term at Albert Dock.

Jade Thomson, from Oh Yes Theatre Productions, the company behind the project, said: "Docklife will be an exaggerated, larger than life visual treat for all the family to enjoy, with singing, dancing, pantomime–style silliness, and real intimate pieces of performance, all inspired by people who have a special connection with Albert Dock."

Lunch at Miller & Carter

Lunch at Miller & Carter, tickets to Dock attractions.. coffee and treats at Rubens all up for grabs!

Roll up for the mystery tour

Make a splash at Mere...

VISITORS to Martin Mere can make a splash by entering the first–ever North West Puddle Jumping Championships which are being held at the Burscough centre from Saturday, February 14 to Sunday, February 22.

The daily winner will go into a draw to win a weekend away to compete in the World Puddle Jumping Championships at Wicksteed Park in Kettering in October and the chance to win an annual family pass (two adults and two children) for the amusement park.

Football club's 40th anniversary

BURSCOUGH Richmond FC are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year with a dinner dance at the Briars Hall Hotel, Lathom on Saturday, March 7 with a 7pm for 7.30pm start time.

Comedian John Stiles, son of former Manchester United star and England World Cup winner, Nobby, will provide the entertainment and there will also be a three–course meal,disco, raffle and a £100 cash draw.

Club officials are hoping to see as many people who have been associated with the club over the last 40 years – either as players, officials, sponsors and supporters – as possible at the event to celebrate this special milestone.

Tickets, priced £30, can ordered from Mike Flynn on 895016 or 07813870647; George Clandon on 894189 or 07885223518; or Chris Clandon on 897648 or 07976896195.

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Edge Hill team help to deliver life–saving mental health project

A HEALTH and social care team at Edge Hill University has partnered an Indian Hospital to deliver a potentially life–saving mental health project, which will launch later this month.

The university's faculty of health and social care team and staff from the CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital in Mysore secured £24,310 from the Tropical Health and Education Trust, who manage grants under the Department for International Development–funded Health Partnership Scheme.

The scheme will treat people who have tried to take their own life, which is still a stigmatised subject in India.

There is an acute shortage of mental health trained professionals in Mysore and on a visit in 2012, the Edge Hill team found that while general nurses provided excellent physical treatment and care for patients, they had limited knowledge of mental health needs.

The grant will fund an additional member of staff at Holdsworth Memorial Hospital and training for staff in India.

Dr Murali Krishna from the Holdsworth Memorial Hospital in Mysore and Steve Jones from the Edge Hill team, at the University **Code NA**

The Edge Hill team, which includes Steve Jones, Paul Keenan, Kathryn Lowe and Professor Clare Austin, plan to work jointly with Dr Murali Krishna, who is a consultant psychiatrist at Holdsworth Memorial Hospital and honorary senior lecturer at the university and Professor Rajagopal Rajendra from the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute.

In early 2014, senior lecturers Paul Keenan and Steve Jones visited Mysore to build on work done after initial start–up funding.

Programme leader Steve Jones said: "We will work jointly with both doctors in India to initially train 100 general nursing staff to assess and provide care for patients who have attempted to take their life. This is a heavily stigmatised subject in India and remains a criminal offence. The preferred method in India, especially in South India is by pesticide ingestion so Paul Keenan and myself will return to India in June this year for the first training session and follow this up next year."

Goal ace Brandon is aming for the top

Teenager hits FOUR consecutive hat–tricks!

Report by **Henry James**

A TEENAGE striker who is rapidly making a name for himself with Skelmersdale United's under–18s side started his football career at the other end of the pitch – as a goalkeeper.

Brandon Gaskell only went in goal "because nobody else wanted to do it" but the youngster from Ashurst soon found his rightful place and set out to follow in the footsteps of his Liverpool FC heroes, Louis Suarez, Fernando Torres and Steven Gerrard.

The 18–year–old is currently starring for Skem's under–18s with an impressive tally of 22 goals and 10 assists in 18 games – including hat–tricks in four consecutive matches!

And he has recently joined NW Counties Division One side Ashton Town on loan until the end of the season, while still turning out for the under–18s on Sunday.

The former Lathom High pupil has played football since he was eight for a number of teams, including Dynamo Rangers, West Lancashire and Lathom High. He also helped Skem United under–16s to win the Liverpool County FA Cup, scoring a hat–trick and making two assists.

Brandon is also training to be an electrician with West Lancashire College's construction academy.

Proud mum, Annette, said: "Skem manager Tommy Lawson wanted to send Brandon to Runcorn to get more experience but it's quite a distance so that's why he went to Ashton instead.

Goal machines Brandon Gaskell with proud mum Annette **Code1076676**

"He has been working very hard on his fitness levels and his upper body and Tommy is pleased with how much he has progressed.

"All the family are pleased too. His sisters, who both live abroad, have been following his progress and his aunties and uncles are made up with how well he's doing."

And she added: "Although he started out as a goalkeeper it was only because no–one else wanted to do it. He really wants to be a professional striker. He's a big Liverpool fan and his heroes are Steven Gerrard, Suarez and Torres."

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Edge Hill University lecturer's work to be staged in Liverpool

EDGE Hill's head of Performing Arts, David Peimer, has joined together with the director of London's Pinter Centre to co–write a Shakespeare adaptation.

The play, A Pound of Flesh, will be performed by new company One Hour Theatre, and interweaves the stories of two of Shakespeare's well–known characters, Caliban and Shylock.

It will be staged on February 27 and 28 at 7.30pm at the Lutyens Crypt, Liverpool.

As well as co–writing the play Professor Robert Gordon, director of the Pinter Centre for Research in Writing and Performance at Goldsmiths, will play one of the roles in this two–hander play. He will be joined on stage by South African actor, playwright Lunga Radebe.

A Pound of Flesh operates on two levels: switching from the present day to the world of Shakespeare, in order to portray a message of humanity and celebrating diversity. With a South African influence, the play uses the form of storytelling to immerse the audience into the lives of the characters.

Professor Peimer said: "Myself and Robert chose Lutyens' Crypt to stage the project as using a venue with historic meaning was important to us, to enhance the fundamental ideas of tolerance which lie at the heart of the play. The characters of Caliban and Shylock are often considered to be 'outsiders', and therefore ideal vehicles to explore this theme."

The play is part of a project, which has been recognised by the Global Shakespeare Congress.

Shakepeare adaptation coming to region Code NA

At the request of Vaclav Havel the first half of the play, which involves the character of Shylock, was performed in Prague at the ninth annual Congress.

The Congress meet every four years and honour Shakespeare's 400–year legacy and celebrate the continuing global resonance of his work.

Born in South Africa, Professor David Peimer has written eight plays, most recently in his book: Armed Response: plays from South Africa and published many academic articles (for Cambridge University and others).

He graduated from Columbia University on a Fulbright Scholarship, was Professor of Theatre at New York University (Global Division).

He has also taught at the premiere university in Johannesburg and directed over 35 plays in Europe, New York, the UK and South Africa.

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Joseph coming to theatre. Matt Lapinskas as Pharaoh and Lloyd Daniels as Joseph. Pic Darren Bell Code NA

Chance to win tickets to Joseph

THE Champion has three pairs of tickets to give away to the forthcoming production of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Southport Theatre from Tuesday, February 24 to Saturday, February 28.

Bill Kenwright's production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's family musical embarks on a new tour having sold to date an estimated 15 million tickets.

Retelling the Biblical story of Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colours, this musical is full of famous songs including Those Canaan Days, Any Dream Will Do and Close Every Door To Me.

Making his musical theatre debut, X Factor finalist, Lloyd Daniels will play the title role in the UK's longest running musical. Reaching the final five of the competition, Lloyd went on to perform in sold–out arenas on the X Factor tour and release his first single. Amelia Lily, also from the X Factor, will play the narrator.

The show also sees the return of Matt Lapinskas who will be donning his Elvis outfit once more to reprise the role of the Pharaoh. Best known for playing Anthony Moon in BBC EastEnders, Matt was also runner up in the penultimate series of Dancing on Ice. He joined the Joseph cast in 2014 for the UK, making his first musical theatre role. More information at www.atgtickets.com/southport

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Explosive night promised at All Star Wrestling

ALL Star Wrestling promise an explosive opening to their 45th year of promotions with a big international clash.

The contest will feature sabre toothed Vampire Warrior Gangrel in a programme at the Floral Hall, Southport, on Friday, February 20, which starts from 7.30pm.

Since small beginnings in 1970 with a very first bill at Marple in Cheshire, All Star founder Brian Dixon has never looked back and regularly moved to stay ahead of the game with presentations reflecting the American influences of recent times while maintaining all the tried and tested features of traditional British–style wrestling.

Gangrel, a star with both WWF and its more recent successor WWE through two decades, takes his place alongside Thunder, the 20 stones metal masked marauder who defeated Dean Allmark to become Superslam Championship holder back at the end of November.

Thunder, from Leamington Spa, and the son of World of Sport era heavyweight campaigner Tony Banger Walsh, is determined to maintain his momentum in a tag clash with Devon–born heavyweight Oliver Grey. Grey was the stand–out star of last summer's All Star events when returning after a two year stint with the WWE's NXT division in the United States. And, just to add to the needle, Grey will be partnered by Wirral–based Dean Allmark!

Southport fans can also look forward to seeing German contenders Adrian Severe from Munich and Hannover–based Hans Hoffman along with Bolton's returning star Ben Levy and livewire north east action man Tony Spitfire. There will also be top girls action with Kay Lee Ray, the fiery haired Scottish lass who went to the USA to face Gail Kim in the finals of the TNA Boot Camp series, taking on the colourful Chardonnay.

Gangrel appearing at the Floral Hall Code NA

Young Fans can show support for their wrestling favourites by making and bringing banners to All Star Wrestling's next local presentation when the best efforts will receive special prizes including free tickets for future local events.

Top campaigner Dean Allmark, who is set to appear in one of the featured contests, will decide the best banners made by the children. The youngsters who made them will be invited to the ring to receive their prizes before having an opportunity to meet some of their favourite stars.

More information at www.atgtickets.com/southport

The Larry Miller band rocks into town

THE Larry Miller band rocks into town this month.

The band has been described as the ultimate in–your–face rhythm and blues band.

Larry Miller is considered to be one of the must see blues/rock guitarists, bringing his unique showmanship to every performance. Famous for his mesmerising guitar playing and high octane shows, he wows audiences across the UK and Europe.

Larry will be showcasing his new album Soldier Of the Line, which is receiving much critical acclaim. From power blues of One Fine Day and stomping rockers like Mississippi Mama' to the beautiful love song Bathsheba.

He is one of the hardest working musicians on the live music scene and was a regular headliner at The Marquee in London and produced a barnstorming set at the Reading Festival.

He is now more popular than ever and holds the record for the most encores at The Cambridge Rock Festival. Reviewing the festival the Get Ready To Rock journalist said: "Crowd reaction to his performance was ecstatic ... Joe Bonamassa watch out, there's another new blues hero snapping at your heels".

In Classic Rock Presents The Blues magazine readers poll, Larry Miller was voted number three only to be beaten by Joe Bonamassa and Walter Trout, plus a five page article proclaimed Larry Miller was keeper of the British Blues Rock flame.

Tickets for The Larry Miller Band are available online at theatkinson.co.uk or by calling The Atkinson Box Office on 01704 533333. People can also purchase their tickets over the counter during The Atkinson's opening hours.

Mystery play next show at Little Theatre

Report by **Ron Ellis**

SDC present Disposing Of The Body

COMING to the Little Theatre from Friday, February 20 to Saturday, February 28 is the SDC's production of Disposing of the Body directed by Celia Timmington, a elegant and tantalising mystery play by Hugh Whitemore, author of Breaking the Code.

Henry Preece takes early retirement and moves to a Gloucester village with his wife, Angela. They become friends with a schoolteacher, Alexander, and his wife, Joanna, and embark upon a social life together but then, Henry starts an affair with Joanna and, amidst the lies, secrets and deceit, Angela goes to London on a shopping trip and doesn't return.

Shades of Gone Girl!

Is Angela still alive? If not, where is her body?

The cast of this intriguing and highly entertaining play includes Ted Bullen as Henry and Kathy Felton–Aksoy as Angela. Sarah Viali is Joanna and Brendan Gillow plays Alexander with David Davies as the Inspector.

Tickets from the Box Office Tel. 01704 530521/530460.

Tell us what you think!
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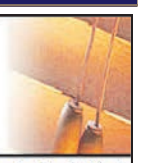

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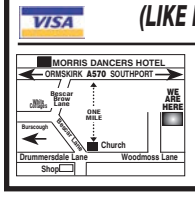

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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **P.B.**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. 249806

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SCHOFIELD EDWIN

Audrey and all of Edwin's family would like to thank family and friends for their kindness, messages of sympathy and thoughtful cards following his death. Special thanks to all the staff at both Woodlands and St Joseph's Hospices and the District Nursing team for their help and support. Also thank you to Colin and Paulette Franklin for the beautiful funeral service to celebrate Edwin's life. God bless you all.
x

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Park Kenneth

Keith and family wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for all their many messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations received during the sad loss of a wonderful Father and Grandad Kenneth. Special thanks to Aughton Park Care Home for being "the best care home in the world." Thanks also to Rev. Ross Moughtin for his prayers and kind ministrations.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

HARDING Reverend Jack

Sheila and family would like to express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all relatives and friends for the wonderful expressions offering so much care, love and thoughts and for the kind donations offered for St John's Parish Church, Crossens. Thank you very much to Reverend Bill Watson for his beautiful, sincere and thoughtful funeral service given in Jack's memory. Thank you to Carl Howard at Howard's Funeral Directors for his professional, caring and personal funeral arrangements throughout.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mary Pennington

With thanks to all friends and family for their support at a sad time and donations to British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.

Thank you to Hunters Funeral Directors for their sympathetic manner and dignity. Thanks also to Reverend John Sephton for his personal and heartfelt service.

Aughton Park Care Home had given Auntie Mary a safe and loving home during her last months, two of the caring staff attended her funeral.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

ROBERTS STEVE

We are completely and utterly overwhelmed and honoured by the support, generosity and sympathy shown by family, friends, neighbours, colleagues and by Kingswood and Scarisbrick Hall School pupils past and present, following Steve's sudden and tragic death from pulmonary embolism on Sunday January 18th. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Shaw, staff and pupils at Scarisbrick Hall for hosting the funeral reception. It was a moving and memorable day and you all played a significant part in ensuring Steve received a wonderful send-off. Your collective kindness allowed us to say goodbye in the most fitting and dignified way and from this we draw great comfort. Thank you to Pete Goulding and to Howard's Funeral Directors for the thoughtful, personal funeral arrangements and for all donations to the British Heart Foundation.

Mandy, Chrissy, Adam, Mark and Jenny Roberts

in memoria ejus, et ipse vivet.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Margaret Anne Marshall
(Nee Lavelle)

Ron and all his family wish to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to all relatives and friends for the many messages of condolence, sympathy cards, flowers and donations received for Cancer Research UK.

Special thanks to Dr. Saunders and staff at Park Gate Surgery Ormskirk and Doctors and staff of Ward 23 and AMU at Aintree Hospital (Fazakerely), for their kindness shown to Margaret. Sincere thanks to Father Godric for his kind ministrations and prayers, Saint Mark's Church Scarisbrick, Howard's Funeral Directors Southport, for their professional and caring attention and finally to Jim, Trudy and staff at Master McGraths Scarisbrick, for the excellent service provided after the funeral.

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DEATHS

Annie Pauline Guyers

Aged 77

Died 6th February 2015, peacefully in hospital

Funeral to be held at Saint Richard's Church in Skelmersdale, at 11.30am on Monday 16th February.

Sadly missed by husband Dave, beloved children, in laws and grandchildren.

Family flowers only please.

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DEATHS

Parker Brenda

Peacefully in hospital on 1st February 2015, aged 83 years

Dearly beloved wife of Ernest. Much loved Mother of Susan and Gillian. A proud Grandmother of Emma, Mark, Anna, Adam and Simon. Great Grandmother of Henry, Hadley and Yvie. Brenda will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 12th February 2015 at 2.40pm. Family flowers only by request please. Donations if so desired are being gratefully received by the family on behalf of Cancer Research UK. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough L40 5UU. Tel 01704 897770.

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DEATHS

SAROSI IRENE STELLA

Peacefully with her loving family by her side on Friday 6th February 2015 aged 73 years

Devoted wife of the late Mike, special and loving mum of Erika, amazing nan of Nikki and Emily. Greatly missed by all family and friends especially Tony who cared for Irene so much.

All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Crabbe Margaret

3rd February 2015

Formerly of Northern Ireland & Skelmersdale. Passed away after a short illness in Peterborough Hospital, aged 68.

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10th February 2002

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Paul Edmondson

15th February 1965

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Kerry, Connor and Faye
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DEATHS

GRIFFITHS Elsie Edna

31st January 2015 aged 91 years

and

Shirley Spencer

3rd February 2015 aged 84 years

Devoted mum and dad of Judy, Linda, Jacky and Stephen, mother and father-in-law of Sue and the late Ray. Loving nana and grandad of Sue and Steven, Jane, Karen, Lisa, Victoria and Rebecca, Matthew and Chloe, Shanice, Shannen and the late Spencer, and of their great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Elsie and Shirley were devoted to each other throughout life's journey, never parted, now Rest In Peace together. Their joint funeral service will be held at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 11th February at 3:20pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for The Alzheimer's Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

JONES KEN (TAFFY DADO)

6th February 2015 Aged 88 years

Now at rest with Edith and Lynn. Much loved by all his family. Grateful thanks to Alison, Annette and Val at Abbendon Nursing Home from Carol and David for caring for dad so well. Service at Ainsdale Methodist Church on Friday 13th February at 12:00pm followed by interment in Liverpool Road Cemetery. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Townsend Margaret

31st January 2015

Passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family, aged 80 years of Burscough

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DEATHS

Richard Harold Tomlinson

Passed away peacefully on 1st February 2015 aged 74 years

Will be sadly missed by his partner, family and friends. Family flowers only please and donations if so desired to Queenscourt Hospice. Funeral service to take place at St Helens Crematorium on Thursday 12th February 2015 at 2.30pm. For further enquiries please contact Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

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BIRTHDAYS

Luke Smalley

15th February

Happy 13th Birthday

to our amazing young man Luke Smalley
Have a great day babe

Lots of love Mum, Dad, Lewis , Nan and Grandad
Claire Ian and Joshua
XXXX

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DEATHS

BIRCH ANDREW JOHN

6th January 2015

Suddenly aged 46 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved son of John & Vera, loving brother of Vivien, dear brother in law of Keith and much more loved uncle to Georgina. Funeral service at Christ the Servant Church, Birkrig, Digmoor, Skelmersdale on Tuesday 17th February at 2.45pm followed by cremation at St Helens Crematorium, family flowers only please, donations if desired for N.W. Air Ambulance or Derian House. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors, Marlborough House, Witham Road, Skelmersdale. Tel:- 01695 722122 / 720012

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DEATHS

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IN MEMORY OF

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Mother of Georgina and John and Nana to Denise and Benjamin. Funeral to take place at Southport Crematorium on 17th February at 9.20am then refreshments at Master McGraths.

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DEATHS

HALL Reverend Timothy Peter

Sudden death whilst at a game park in South Africa on 31st January, aged 64 years

Faithful and cherished husband of Ann. Proud father of Charlie, James, Andrew, Christine and Beth. Loving Father-in-Law of Sarah and Karl. Much loved Grandpa of Kerensa and Tegen. Highly respected as an inspirational servant of God with a passion for life and a great sense of humour! Superintendent Minister of Southport Methodist Circuit.
All welcome at a service to celebrate Tim's life, on Tuesday 17th February at Leyland Road Methodist Church at 10.30am, followed by a private service at Southport Crematorium. No flowers please, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation or Compassion International. Further details on www.southportmethodist.org.uk. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel 01704 500086.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STATION ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, STATION ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (No.3) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian from proceeding over that length of Station Road, Parbold for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Station Road Level Crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic, cyclists & pedestrians affected by the closure is via: -

The Common – B5246 Lancaster Lane – A5209 Alder Lane – Mill Lane – Station Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential level crossing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Wednesday 18th February 2015 until 0800 hours on Thursday 19th February 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager
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[Ref: HEM/8/065/EF]

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WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL RECEIPT OF REPORT FOR 2015/2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Lancashire Borough Council has received a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel appointed under Regulation 22(4) of The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The Panel's recommendations in respect of the year beginning 1 April 2015 are summarised as follows:

Basic Allowance: £4,842*;

Special Responsibility Allowances: if the Council decides to pay such allowances, the rates should be as follows:

a. Leader of the Council £12,105*
b. Deputy Leader £7,263*
c. Portfolio Holder £4,842*
d. Leader of Opposition Group £3,389*
e. Deputy Leader of Opposition Group £1,694*
f. Chairmen of Overview & Scrutiny Committees £2,421*
g Chairman of Planning Committee £5,810*
h. Chairman of Licensing & Appeals Committee £2,421*
i. Chairman of Licensing & Gambling Committee £2,421*
j. Chairman of Audit & Governance Committee £2,421*

No changes are recommended in relation to Childcare and Dependant Carer's allowance, or Travel and subsistence allowances

*The Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances are linked to an index in the Scheme, namely the annual pay settlement for local authority employees subject to the National Joint Council (NJC) agreement on Terms and Conditions. An increase of 1% was payable in 2014/15 and as such this increase could be applied to Members' Allowances in 2015/16, if the Council so decided at its meeting on 25 February 2015.

The report of the Panel is available for inspection by members of the public during normal office hours (between 9am and 4.45pm, Monday to Friday) at the Council's offices at 52 Derby Street Ormskirk. Copies of the report may be purchased on payment of 50 pence per sheet.

Dated: 11 February 2015

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WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL 1137305

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MOOR STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY ONE WAY TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Moor Street from its junction with Aughton Street to its junction with Railway Road, Ormskirk, West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via;

Church Street - A570 Church Street - A570 Derby Street West - A570 Derby Street - A570 Stanley Street - A577 Moor Street - Moor Street.

The temporary closure is necessary to allow town development works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be in operation from 0800 hours on Sunday 15th February 2015 until 1700 hours on Friday 9th October 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, Motor Vehicles and cycles will be temporarily prohibited from traveling over that length of Moorgate from its junction with Moor Street for a distance of 35 metres heading in a southerly direction;

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, Motor Vehicles and cycles will be temporarily prohibited from traveling in a south easterly direction on Chruch Street from its junction with Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Church Street;

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, Motor Vehicles and cycles will be temporarily prohibited from traveling in a northerly direction on Burscough Street from its junction with Church Street to its junction with A570 Derby Street;

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, Motor Vehicles and cycles will be temporarily prohibited from traveling in a south westerly direction on Aughton Street from its junction with Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road.

AND FURTHER, during the period of the said closure, access for vehicles loading or unloading to premises on the following streets will be in operation from 0700 hours until 1000 hours and 1600 hours and 1900 hours daily;

Church Street from its junction with Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Church Street.
Aughton Street from its junction with Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road.
Burscough Street from its junction with Church Street to its junction with A570 Derby Street.

Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager
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[Ref: LHS/BS/08/095/LTM]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2014/1361/FUL Proposed knacker yard at Hangars C1 TO C4 , Tollgate Road, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The application is accompanied by an environmental statement (a copy of which is available for inspection or purchase if required).
Application No: 2015/0099/FUL Erection of glasshouse, biomass boiler and stormwater tank for horticultural purposes, with associated drainage and landscaping. The application also includes the retention of the existing fencing, access gates and area of hard-standing and reinstatement of a grassed area to the front of the site at Land Between 151 And 155, Southport New Road, Tarleton.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2014/1309/FUL* Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of two storey rear extension to existing dwellinghouse at 8 Beech Meadow, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2015/0034/FUL Variation of condition nos 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 20 and 21 imposed on planning permission 2012/0771/FUL in accordance with the Planning Conditions Discharge Matrix received on 28th January 2015 at The Bungalow, Lathom Park, Lathom.
Application No: 2015/0079/LBC Listed Building Consent - Removal of existing roof including rafters and purlins. New roof structure and new underlay. Re-use existing stone tiles as roof covering at Greystones, Lancaster Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2015/0036/FUL* New vehicular access at Holt Green Cottage, 191 Bold Lane, Aughton.
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The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

* Householder Applications

In the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any comments made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Assistant Director Planning

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BARCELONA'S balmy sunshine, the majestic landscapes of the Scottish Highlands and the fine food of just about anywhere in Northern Italy are all front–runners in the contest to win over my carefully–earned cash.

As summer getaway options go they couldn't be more like polar opposites, but they do all share one thing in common. I'd rather enjoy a fortnight in any of these places then spend my summer holiday in Sheffield.

It's not that there's anything wrong with Sheffield – it's a fine city that has made many fine contributions to the world, from steel and coal to The Human League and actors notorious for getting killed in every movie role they land. Sheffield is great for all sorts of reasons, but it's just not somewhere where I'd go looking for a memorable holiday getaway.

Equally, if I was given £47,995 to spend on a luxury car I wouldn't blow it on a Hyundai. Yet that's exactly how much the Genesis, the manufacturer's largest offering ever in the UK, is going to cost.

Let's get one thing clear; Hyundai makes some great cars. It's gone from being the makers of the Pony to one of the UK car market's real success stories, with accomplished players like the i30 family hatchback helping to eat into an increasingly healthy share of the market. It's a success story, however, founded on value for money. Hyundai is all about price, not prestige.

That's why offering an executive express with a 3.8 litre V6 driving the rear wheels is either incredibly brave or monumentally misguided. Why, when you can have a BMW or a Mercedes or a Jaguar or an Audi or even – whisper it softly – a Lexus for the same sort of money, would you want to spend nearly fifty grand on a Hyundai?

Countless other car makers have tried – and failed – to crack this nut. Remember the Peugeot 607? Or the Vauxhall Omega, Ford Scorpio, Renault Vel Satis, Honda Legend and Rover 800, for that matter? They were all mass market attempts to break into the luxury motoring stratosphere, and all were defeated by people who want the pub brag factor of a three–pointed star or a leaping cat instead. We Brits are the worst for it – it's not for nothing the nation that gave the world Keeping Up Appearances and Absolutely Fabulous is the single biggest Audi TT market on the planet.

The Genesis is the most expensive car Hyundai has ever offered in the UK. Code NA

I would love it if the Hyundai Genesis were so mind–blowingly brilliant it pulled off a Rocky–style underdog victory and gave the German luxury establishment a bloody nose, but I suspect we snobbish Brits will dismiss it simply because it's an Aldi car with Audi pretentions.

Are you going on holiday to Sheffield this year? I rest my case.

David Simister is the news editor of Classic Car Weekly.

The shape of the Focus RS has been designed to offer its engine the maximum amount of cooling. Code NA

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ROAD safety experts the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) have expressed disappointment at the rise in numbers of killed and seriously injured on UK highways, as revealed this morning by the Department of Transport.

The charity blames many years of Government cutbacks and the resulting drop in visible policing for the increase in figures.

Neil Greig, IAM director of policy and research, said: "It is disappointing that after many years of solid falls in the numbers of people killed and injured on our roads, the Government has taken its eye off the ball.

"These figures reflect our view that cuts in visible policing and road safety spending has had an impact, with a third successive quarter of increases.

"We have had pretty much two decades of falls in the KSI (killed/seriously injured) figures, and while these new figures can in no way be regarded as a trend, they are a big concern."

Neil added that the Government has been 'riding its luck' to an extent, and that the recession has played its part in artificially making the figures seem better than they really are.

He said: "Recent transport ministers have been lucky. The recession had slowed traffic growth, new car technology has delivered safer roads year on year and most accident black spots have now been engineered out of existence.

There was 1,711 deaths, a 1% increase, 24,360 killed or seriously injured (KSI) casualties in the year ending September 2014, a 4% increase compared with the previous year. Child KSI casualties rose by 3% over this period. For the year ending September 2014, there were 192,910 reported road casualties of all severities, 5% higher than in 2013.

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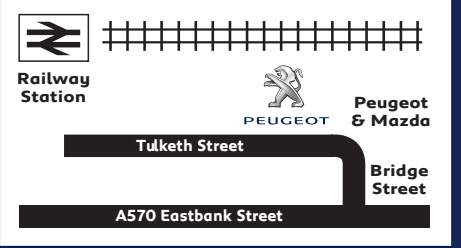

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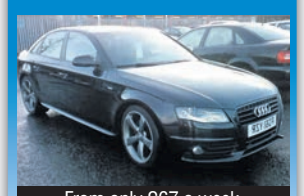

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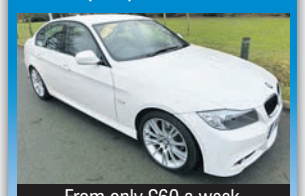

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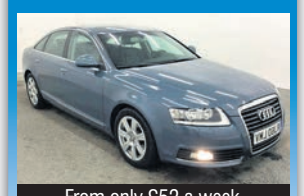

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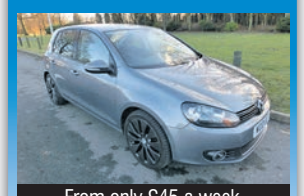

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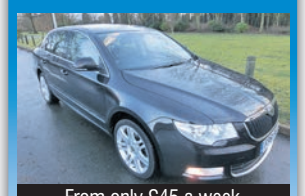

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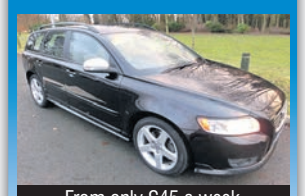

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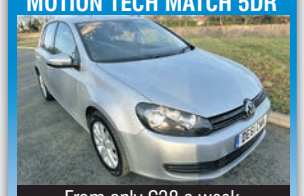

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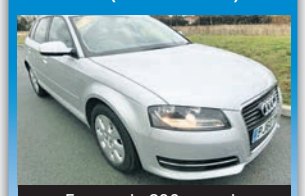

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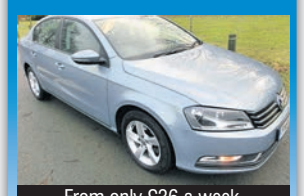

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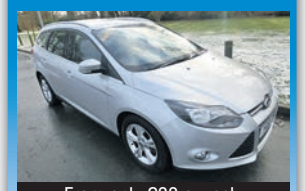

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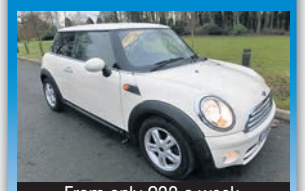

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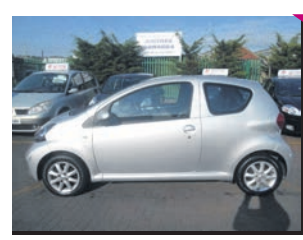
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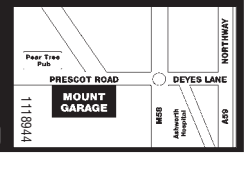

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Thirteen goals between these two made for a great spectacle with the outcome only made certain in the last 5 minutes with a quick Liver double.

MCA 0 Georges 5
A great win by Georges against an MCA side who had been in good form. MCA had a number of players missing and had to field a weakened team. Georges' goals came from Connor Hallam and Josh Harland with two each and Jake Ledson.

Mariners 9 Platinum Menswear 0:
Mike White continues to rack up the goals for Mariners with another 5 to add the 5 he netted the week before. Platinum were unfortunate in the first period, having no fewer than three goals ruled out for offside. As the game wore on though, Marners' class showed as Charlie Maher (2), Stephen Lang and Paul Edwards added to the prolific White's tally.

Skem boss Lawson hails 'magnificent' fundraising effort

SKELMERSDALE United manager Tommy Lawson has praised the "magnificent" fundraising efforts taking place at the club which are needed due to recent budgeting cutbacks that have been necessary, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

He said: "The response has really been magnificent and I know that the players are appreciating everyone's efforts.

"The club are actively looking for sponsors and donations are needed to keep the playing squad together until the end of the season.

"Any support, large or small, will be equally welcomed.

"If you cannot afford much just give what you can afford, every bit counts." Anybody wanting to help can call 07977 218619.

United are at home again on Saturday when Matlock Town are the visitors to Stormy Corner for a 3pm kick off. They will be looking for a better showing than last week against Stamford

Having not played since December, Rob Bodie returns to the Skem line–up and he will make a difference as he has been a regular in the centre of defence alongside Rob McIntosh all season.

Rob was sent–off in the controversial match at Halesowen before Christmas and he has been missed as he served a suspension.

Lawson has also been chasing the signature of a youngster from Wrexham, who is based locally, but more will be revealed about that next week.

On Saturday, February 21 United are at home again, against King's Lynn Town, kick off 3pm.

A date has also been fixed for Skelmersdale semi–final tie in the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup, when they will play Southport away on Tuesday, March 17, kick off 7.15pm.

The winner will play either AFC Liverpool or Bootle in the final, the two North–West Counties clubs having their semi–final tie set for Wednesday, February 18.

Wonder strike from veteran Challinor turned the game

Skelmersdale United 0
Stamford 3

WHEN the two teams with the best away win records in the Evo–Stik Premier Division met at Stormy Corner it did not augur well for the hosts and the first goal of the game was always going to be very important, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Unfortunately for Skem, they were on the wrong end of a thunderous 29th minute goal by 34–year–old Stamford midfielder Jon Challinor.

He has spent much of his career in the Football League and rarely can he have scored such a spectacular goal, hitting a thunderous volley from 25 yards that almost had smoke coming off it when it crashed into the net.

The goal turned the game on its head and gave Stamford an advantage they never relinquished.

Earlier the game had see–sawed from end to end with both teams having efforts cleared off their opponents' goal line. In the 6th minute Tom Batchelor of Stamford being magnificently thwarted by Peter Wylie, while seven minutes later Skelmersdale's Rob McIntosh suffered a similar fate when his right–foot shot was scrambled away.

Challinor's rocket came after he latched on to a headed clearance after a cross from the right–wing and it was unstoppable.

The goal allowed Stamford to defend deeply and hit Skem with some swift counterattacks, a system they looked well practised in and one they carried out to perfection. The game itself was very frustrating for the home support as Skem had more of the possession and less of the chances.

Challinor made it 2–0 in the 61st minute, in a less stunning fashion, driving a low shot into the Skelmersdale net off a corner from the right.

Immediately after the second goal, Skelmersdale introduced substitute Ben Tollitt and the youngster had an instant impact, cutting the ball past two men and firing a shot at goal. Dan Mitchley diverted the shot into the Stamford net, but was declared offside.

A goal then would surely have made a difference.

In the 86th minute Ryan Robbins latched on to another long ball forwards on the left–hand side and stormed into the area he was tripped by James, thankfully only a yellow card was administered and Robbins made it three from the penalty spot.

It is far from all over in the race for the title as the chasing pack are not exactly consistent themselves but if they are to maintain their lead until the end of the season, Skelmersdale must win their home games.

Linnets come back from behind twice to earn point

Farsley 2
Burscough 2

BURSCOUGH twice came from behind to earn a well– deserved point away to Farsley at Throstle Nest.

The game got off to a scrappy start with both sides struggling for rhythm.

Midway through the first half Farsley won a penalty when Lewis Nightingale was felled in the box. Nightingale took the penalty himself, firing into the top corner.

Moments later Farsley almost doubled their lead when Adam Priestley beat a defender and then struck the post from the edge of the six yard box.

Burscough equalised when Edward Toner raced through one–on–one with Farsley keeper Tom Taylor and slotted home into the bottom corner.

Farsley then won a second penalty when Phil Quirk blatantly handled the ball in the box and Nightingale stepped up once again and bagged his second of the day.

Burscough started brightly in the second half and almost equalised when Jordan Williams had his effort well saved by Taylor.

But they weren't to be denied as they got a deserved equaliser moments later when Will Jones slotted under the diving keeper. Farsley then hit the woodwork for the second time as James Riley's bullet header struck the crossbar.

Just after the hour mark Burscough had a chance to take the lead when Jordan Williams slipped in Will Jones whose shot was well saved by Taylor from point–blank range.

Aiden Savory, five games without a goal, had a great chance to win it when Nightingale squared the ball only to see Savory sky his effort from close range.

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